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SALARIES REPORT APPROVED

3 Vital Modifications To Be Considered

Retrospective Pay Will Be Met At Earliest Moment

The main recommendations of the Salaries Commission — those which relate to salaries and allowances — were yesterday unanimously approved by the Legislative Council, giving the Government legal power to sanction payment of arrears of salary.

The Council's approval, however, is subject to three modifications: one concerning monthly paid artisans; the second concerning the rates of expatriation allowance; and the third relating to the cost of living allowance to be paid to officers drawing salaries of $1,500 a month and over.

Mr. C.G.S. Follows, Financial Secretary, gave an undertaking that "no effort will be spared to clear up outstanding points so that all officers may receive their arrears with the least possible delay."

Asking the Legislative Council for general approval of the recommendation which relate to salaries and allowances, the Financial Secretary said:

"It is, I think, generally recognised that a revision of salaries for the staffs of Government departments was long overdue and the approval of the Report by the Secretary of State was awaited with considerable anxiety by members of the Government Service, many of whom have been suffering much hardship as a result of the present inadequate scales of salary.

"Some relief has now been afforded by the general approval accorded by the Secretary of State although several points still await final settlement.

Major Importance

"However, the recommendation of the Commission that the new rates should be made retrospective to the 1st January, 1947, has been approved and it is a matter of major importance that the necessary adjustments should be made and the arrears of salary paid at the earliest possible moment.

"Approval by this Honourable Council of the resolution now before them will enable this to be done.

"Besides dealing with salaries, the report of the Commission contains recommendations on other matters, some of administrative detail and some of more consequence, such as pensions, which will come before this Council in due course in the form of draft legislation.

"This afternoon I am asking for general approval of the recommendations which relate to salaries and allowances but this is subject to three modifications.

"The first concerns monthly paid artisans.

"It will be recollected that a strike took place in the dockyards shortly after the Commission submitted their Report and this later involved certain employees in the Waterworks Department.

"As a result of that strike, the wage rates of certain grades of daily paid skilled workers were raised.

"The rates set out in the Commission's report in respect of certain grades of monthly paid employees are, in consequence, now below those enjoyed by corresponding grades of daily paid workers, both in the Government Service and in private employment.

"An adjustment has therefore been necessary to bring the rates into line with effect from the date on which the strike was settled.

"From the 1st January, 1947, up to that date, these monthly paid employees will receive the emoluments recommended by the Commission.

Not Final

"The second modification concerns the rates of expatriation allowance.

"These have not been finally approved by the Secretary of State but it is probable that the final figures will not differ very materially from those recommended by the Commission.

"The third modification relates to the rate of cost of living allowance to be paid to officers drawing salaries of $1500 a month and over.

"This also is still the subject of correspondence with the Secretary of State, and if there is any wide departure from the rates recommended by the Commission, this Council will be consulted though it may prove convenient, in order to obviate delay, for this to take the form of an informal discussion.

Arrears

"But although, some points are outstanding, the way is fortunately clear for payment of arrears of salary to the vast majority of locally recruited officers.

"If the general approval of this Honourable Council is forthcoming this afternoon every effort will be made to expedite the payment of arrears in all cases where the officer is in a position to exercise his option as regards accepting the new terms or remaining on the old ones.

"It is a matter for regret that it is not at the moment possible to make a start on the calculation of the arrears due in the case of officers recruited overseas.

"But I will give an undertaking that, so far as this Government is concerned, no effort will be spared to clear out outstanding points so that all officers my receive their arrears with the least possible delay."

Decision Not Yet Received

A modified scheme regarding the salary or pay of Government servants, Volunteers and Civil Defence personnel, not interned during the Japanese occupation, for the occupation period, was presented to the Secretary of State for the Colonies towards the end of October last, but, so far no decision has been received from him.

This information was gained from a reply by the Colonial Secretary to a question asked by Mr. M.K. Lo in the Legislative Council yesterday, as a reminder to an earlier question on September 18, 1947.

The Colonial Secretary, on that occasion, informed Council that various modifications designed to secure a greater uniformity throughout the Far Eastern colonies were under consideration.

Michael's Aunt Lost Her Jewels

Vienna, Jan. 14.

Princess Elizabeth, widow of King George of Greece and aunt of ex-King Michael of Rumania, was deprived of valuable family jewels by the Rumanian Customs officials before leaving the country by express train yesterday, a member of the train staff said today.

A member of the train staff was said to have made the statement to representatives of the local press.

Princess Elizabeth, the Archduchess Ileana, another aunt of the ex-king, and her husband, Duke Anton von Habsburg, and their six children, passed through Vienna during the night on their way to Lausanne.

No member of the Rumanian Royal family now remains in Rumania.

The newspaper Wiener Kurier reported that a member of the Royal staff had said that Michael was forced to abdicate because he was the last barrier to the recognition of the rebel "government" in Greece by the Rumanian Government.—Reuter.

WATER TO BE CUT TODAY

Water restrictions commence today. As officially announced previously, the water supply will be cut off between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. daily until further notice.

ARABS SAID TO OPEN ATTACK IN HEBRON

Jerusalem, Jan. 14.

Newsmen were told dramatically at a press conference today that an "attack has started on three sides" of a Jewish settlement at Ein Zurim on the road from Hebron to Jerusalem.

Gershon Hirsch, the spokesman, declared: "We heard police are rushing there now."

While there are no immediately details of the incident, trouble had been going on for some time between Jerusalem and Hebron.

Telephone communications to Hebron have been cut and this has prevented the local Iraq Consul from checking up on unconfirmed reports that one of his automobiles travelling from Jericho to Hebron had been attacked by rifle fire near Jefsi Eziun, a Jewish settlement, about 19 kilometers south of Jerusalem. One woman was reported to have been killed. The Consul's family had just been to Jericho.

Palestine's daily diet of bullets took more lives and kept this country in turmoil.

Briton Shot

In Jerusalem a British civilian worker was shot dead and his wife wounded seriously outside the Second Infantry Mess on the main street of the German colony near the security zone gate.

Their assailants are not known.

Officials reports showed the guard at the Syrian Consulate was wounded slightly in the hand in a pre-dawn attack which started and ended with one burst of automatic fire at the Consulate.

The guards fired back but the attackers are not known.

Meanwhile, officials confirmed the attack on the Iraq Consulate car on the Hebron road and reported the driver and two of his relatives, both women, were injured.

They said some of the attackers were in "what appeared to be army uniforms."—United Press.

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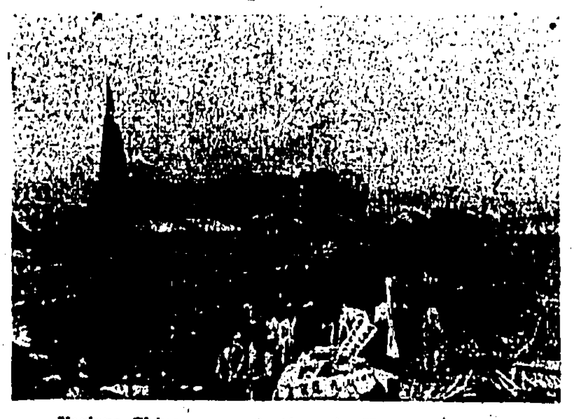

Various Chinese organisations in Hong Kong and representative groups frm Canton yesterday distributed food and money to the evicted squatters in Kowloon City. Photo above shows relief being distributedby the so-called "Po On Kowloon City Residents Association."—China Mail Photo.

Greek Guerillas Abduct Liberal M.P. For Attica

Athens, Jan. 14.

The Greek Liberal member of Parliament (Lukas Koutsopetales, of Attica) has been abducted by guerillas.

The Ministry of Public Order said that M. Koutsopetalos was seized when a guerilla force attacked the village of Pavlon, in the Chlomo Mountains, 60 air miles from Athens. The MP was on a shooting trip.

Two hundred persons were rounded up during the night in the Athens suburb of Assyrmates, and 120 others have been exiled to Nicaria, it was learned.

It also was authoritatively learned that the American Mission on aid to Greece submitted a memorandum several days ago censoring War Minister George Stratos for lack of cooperation with AMAG and suggesting that, if cooperation were not given, Stratos should be removed.

This part of the memorandum was later withdrawn but an authoritative source said that AMAG's "thinking in this matter has not been changed."

Slit Throats

Guerillas were reported today to have slit the throats of three Greek employees on the American mission project to reopen the Brallo railroad tunnel near Lamia and to have warned others that they could expect the same treatment if they continued to work on American projects.

American engineers said the three Greeks were murdered in their sleep at a village near the tunnel project in what may be the opening attack in a campaign to frighten native labour away from American operations.

Several months ago the guerilla leader (General Markos) announced in a radio boardcast that Americans and Britons who fell into his hands would be treated like Greeks if they had been engaged in aiding his "enemy."

One incident was reported in which an American construction supervisor received a note from the guerillas warning him to leave the area or have his throat cut.

He replied that he would be happy to meet any guerillas one at a time and has heard no more from them.

Spitfires Active

Greek Spitfires roared into action against the guerillas attacking on the Gulf of Corinth in southern Greece today as the Greek Government and the United States Aid Mission reached an agreement under which the Government will call up 6,000 men immediately to serve in the National Defence Corps.

Greek military sources said that army reinforcements were being sent from Missolonghi to meet the guerillas attack made this morning, when a force of 700 surrounded the town of Archova. Further Government reinforcements joined the battle which raged on the snow-covered heights of Pendacorfi, overlooking Lepanto.

The attack on Arachova was regarded here as part of the guerilla plan to keep the Greek army scattered throughout Greece while guerilla General Markos regrouped his main forces after his defeat at Konitza near the Austrian border.

Foreign Units?

Movements of what are believed to be "foreign military units" were reported on Tuesday opposite the Northwest corner of Greece in Albania, according to a dispatch to the Royalist newspaper Vardyni.

The report said that an unusual movement of lorries from Delvino and Santa Guarranta, on the Albanian side, has been noted.

These are carrying supplies to guerillas operating in the Philiates area, the report said.

Meanwhile, a highly placed Greek military informant in Ioannina declared that all of Epirus was in danger of falling to the guerilla forces.

His statement came, as General Griswold announced the Greek Government had agreed to impose bank credit controls to check inflation and take over direct foreign aid to help stabilise the economy.—United Press, United Press and Reuter.

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N. China Missionaries Evacuated By Air

Shanghai, Jan. 14.

The evacuation of some 200 foreigner, mostly American missionaries, marooned in the large missionary centre of Laolokow, about 200 miles northwest of Hankow, will begin tomorrow morning by air, it was revealed by the local office of the Lutheran World Mission today.

All evacuees will be taken to Hankow by the Mission's C47 transport plane "St. Paul".

It is learned that the mass evacuation, which was called by the recent murder of three missionaries, will be carried out at top speed for fear of further killings in the Laohokow area.

From details obtained through Chinese eye-witnesses, the three slain missionaries were among a group of passengers travelling to Laohokow on January 7 by 50 armed troops reported to be Communists.

After one of the soldiers had shouted: "You Are Americans and Americans must die", Dr. Alexi Bang, a Finnish doctor, was shot dead.

Then the group shot down two American women missionaries, Misses Martha J. Anderson and Esther Victoria Nordland, after killing two Chinese, who attempted to intercede on their behalf.

The bodies of the dead missionaries have been received by the American authorities and shipped to the West at Port of Shanghai.

Colony's Share Of Tin

Washington, Jan. 14.

The Combined Tin Committee announced today that an interim allocation for the first half of 1948 amounted to 17,703 long tons.

The allocations included Hong Kong (100 tons) and and India (1,400 tons.)

The announcement said the allocations represent more than half of the total allocations that each country can expect for the first six months of 1948 in view of the estimated production available for export "and after taking into account the probable requirements of many countries which have not yet been presented to the Committee."—United Press.

Changes In Harbour Department

The Harbour Department will henceforth be called the Marine Department, and the Harbour Master the Director of Marine.

The titles of his subordinate officers are likewise changed.

This change of titles was effected by a motion in Legislative Council yesterday.

Another change is in the titles of Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, which have been changed respectively to Senior Veterinary Officer and Veterinary Officer.

Protest To London About K'loon Sentences

Nanking, Jan. 14.

It is learned tonight that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has instructed the Chinese Ambassador to London to make representations to the British Government concerning the sentence of two Chinese residents of Kowloon City to three months hard labour by the Hong Kong authorities.

It was pointed out that, pending a settlement of the Kowloon City issue between the two Governments, action of this kind would cause further deterioration of the situation.

The Chinese Government, therefore, has requested the British Government to order the Hong Kong authorities to release the two persons as the first step towards a settlement.—Central News.

Angry Nanking Debate On Kowloon Issue

Nanking, Jan. 14.

The Kuomintang's Central Political Committee, which controls Government policy, decided today in an angry debate that the Chinese Government should make vigorous representations to Britain for a satisfactory settlement of the Kowloon City eviction dispute.

The decision was reached after Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, Foreign Minister, reported that the Hong Kong authorities had used force in evicting Chinese residents despite repeated Chinese protests.

Dr. Wang said he demanded that the Hong Kong Government immediately cease further police actions pending settlement through the normal diplomatic channels.

The official journal, Central Daily News, today editorially attacked Hong Kong's eviction of Chinese residents in Kowloon City as an "atrocious affront to China."

The paper stated: "China today is unlike the China 30 or 50 years ago when she could not resist foreign imperialism."

The editorial said: "It is unbelievable that the Government which has just been praised by the world for granting independence to India and Burma should embark on an out-dated imperialistic and inhumanitarian action in violation of treaty obligations."

Varsity Protest

In Shanghai, 15 Chinese universities submitted a protest to the British Embassy in Nanking over the Kowloon walled city incident.

At the same time, the students' representatives announced their intention of staging a protest demonstration in Nanking tomorrow and possibly another rally in Shanghai "later."

In their protest note, the students are said to have demanded, firstly the immediate release of the two detained Chinese representatives of the Kowloon squatters; secondly, the provision of special relief for the "victimised" squatters; thirdly, the payment of compensation to the squatters, and fourthly; a British apology to the Chinese Government.

The note also requested the return of Hong Kong to China "to promote friendship between the two countries."

In Canton, many local newspaper continued to express editorial disapproval of the Kowloon Walled City evictions.

They refused to accept the plea of sanitary and anti-fire measures.

The Chung Shan Jih Pao, controlled by the Ministry of Information in Nanking, stated that since there is a dispute as to the ownership and control of territory, the interpretation should be construed in favour of China, the lessor.

A deputation of the evicted residents is expected here to lay the case before the Canton authorities, after which they will go to Nanking to seek help from the Central authorities.

The municipal councils of Tientsin and Peiping and the Hopei Provincial Council cabled President Chiang Kai-shek today, urging the strongest stand against the Hong Kong Government eviction.

The "Kowloon Incident" was headlined by all newspapers.

The North China Student Federation—a barometer of public opinion in this section—failed to take any action similar to the demonstrations reportedly being planned by Central China students.

Students here were more concerned with police actions in Hangchow during the funeral of a student who recently committed suicide while in jail.

At Kowloon

The condition of Suen Yat, Cheung Chung-mo, Cheung Ping-lam, Lai Fungying and Lau Sammui, all of whom were injured during the battle between the residents of Kowloon Walled City and the Police on Jan. 12, have improved considerably, the "China Mail" found on a visit to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday.

Leung Chong, the man wounded in the abdomen, was still in a critical condition, according to reports received by the Kowloon Walled City Residents' Association, from the wounded man's wife.

When the "China Mail" arrived at the scene of Monday's struggle yesterday afternoon, representatives of the Association were busily engaged in issuing receipts for contributions of rice, biscuits, tinned goods and money.

Up to 4 p.m. over 2,000 catties of rice, a sack of biscuits and $520 were received for distribution to those displaced persons remaining on the site as well as to the families of the wounded.

The area was crowded with hawkers of edibles, as well as with sightseers.

Temporary "homes," hovels of a few bricks with a cloth roof, were dotted here and there.

The most ingenious shelter was that "constructed" with two long stools, piled on top of each other, with a board as roofing.

A Police patrol, 20 strong, was on duty the whole day, keeping a "weather eye" on the situation.

PAMPHLET IS SPILLING BUCKETS OF BLOOD

Some local glimpse of the extent of Chinese agitation on the Kowloon Walled City issue was given yesterday.

A pamphlet, in Chinese, addressed to the people, teachers, students, servicemen, ex-servicemen, the magistrate of Po On district, high Kwangtung and Nanking Government officials (including Gen. Chiang Kai-shek), was issued (and copies distributed to visitors to Kowloon Walled City) by the "Po On County Kowloon Walled City Residents' Association."

Claiming to represent the voice of the 2,000 former tenants of the demolished sheds, the Association, in their pamphlet, appealed for help in their fight against the "great imperialistic Great Britain."

It gave in highly coloured phraseology the Association's revised, and grossly exaggerated, version of what happened on Monday (Jan. 12) morning.

Claims

Some of the claims made in the pamphlet were:

"600 Police, armed with machine-guns and tear-gas bombs, under Kowloon Police Chief Heath, fought their way into the Walled City."

"Our present condition is very pitiful. We are reduced to dire circumstances."

"The British Police, enraged by our resistance, mounted their machine-guns and fired at us. They also threw several tins of tear-gas bombs."

"As the result of the massacre, the whole area is spattered with flesh and blood, and the Kowloon Walled City is soaked in blood."

"Over 10 persons were injured by revolver fire. Women and children were trampled under feet. Between 500 and 600 persons were affected by the tear-gas."

"We are isolated from the outside world. We are completely encircled by the Police. When this reaches you, we may be dead. We are the children of China. We appeal to you for assistance."

"After the battle, the evil police carted away our wounded, and we have lost all trace of them."

The Police are investigating the origin of the pamphlet.

The Weather

A weak ridge of high pressure from the Siberian anti-cyclone covers China and a very deep and rapidly intensifying depression over the Sea of Japan and a less intense but deepening depression between Tokyo and Iwojima, are moving east-north-east.

The typhoon centred near Yap is moving slowly west.

Forecast:—Moderate or fresh winds from the north-east quarter. Fine and cold.

Yesterday's Weather:—

Maximum: 67.9 deg. Feb.
Minimum: 54.1 deg. Feb.
Sunshine: 7.9 hours.
Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—trace as against an average of 11.4 mm. =0.67 ins.

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BANKING BILL REPORT BEFORE LEG. COUNCIL

Amendments For Chinese Banks | Balance Sheet Audits Limited

The report of the Select Committee to study the Banking Bill was laid on the table in Legislative Council yesterday. Its publication together with the draft Bill, was approved.

The Attorney General (Mr. J. B. Griffin), seeking Council's approval for publication of the report, said publication of the draft Bill was desirable because ultimately, if the report is approved, it will be possible under the provisions of the Standing Orders of Council, to seek permission of Council to introduce a new draft in place of the Bill which is the subject of the report.

The following were members of the Committee: The Attorney General. (Chairman); The Financial Secretary; The Hon. M. K. Lo, C.B.E.; The Hon. R. D. Gillespie.

Report

Their report stated:

The Committee has had regard to criticisms of the Bill which have been brought to its attention and in particular has considered representations in writing by the Hong Kong Gold and Silver Exchange Society.

Such criticisms and representations were directed against—

(A) Clause 3 of the Bill, which requires that "no banking business shall be transacted in the Colony except by a Company."

(B) Clause 2 of the Bill in regard to the definition in such clause of the term "banking business."

It was urged that Clause 3 of the Bill would operate harshly as against Chinese Native Banks since very few (if any) of such concerns carry on business as a Company as defined.

These banks have long carried on business in the Colony without necessity for the formation of such 'banks' as companies.

It is represented that to require these banks at this date to form themselves into companies would cause difficulty, entail expense and impose upon them a method of business organisation to which they are unaccustomed and involve departure from the customary or traditional manner of doing Chinese Native Banking business.

Too Abrupt

The Committee sees force in the contention which has also been made that, since legislation for the control of banking business has not hitherto existed in the Colony, a restriction as visualised by Clause 3 of the Bill would entail too abrupt a change.

For this reason the Committee recommends that an exception be made in the Bill to relieve Chinese Native Banks from the requirement that all organisations doing banking business should henceforth be companies as defined.

"We recommend that such exception be effected by amendment of the definition of companies as appearing in Clause 2 of the Bill by the addition of the words "or a Chinese Native Bank." The report said.

"Banking Business"

It was represented to the Committee that the definition of "banking business" appearing in Clause 2 of the Bill is unsuitable, since it might bring within the orbit of the Ordinance trading organisations which do not in fact do banking business, but which do receive money on deposit by way of loans to, or provision of capital for, such business.

The Committee therefore have considered the replacement of such existing definition by a definition of "banking business" which would suffice to describe the type of business to which it is intended that the proposed legislation should apply.

As a result, the Committee recommends the following definition:

"Banking business" means the business of a bank engaged in the receipt of money on current or deposit account or in payment and collection of cheques drawn by, or paid in by, a customer or in the making or receipt of remittances or in the purchase and sale of gold or silver coin or bullion.

Audit

The Committee recommends that it be made clear that requirements of audit applicable to banks incorporated under the Companies Ordinance, 1932, or other law shall continue to apply to banks licensed under the Bill when enacted.

As regards Chinese Native Banks, it is understood that these banks have no shareholders in the ordinary meaning of the term, partnership or membership of such banks being confined to relatives and friends. The Committee does not consider it to be imperative for the purposes of the legislation under report that Chinese Native Banks be subject to legal requirement that the balance sheet, requuired by Clause 9 (1) to be exhibited, shall be an audited balance sheet.

Alleged To Use File-Dagger

She So (23) marine hawker, Wong Sin-to (29) unemployed, and Leung Mui alias Leung Hung (27) coolie, were, on the application of Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth, remanded for three days in custody by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

The three accused were alleged to have assaulted, with intent to rob, Wan Wing-yee at 5 Un Chau Street on Jan. 10; to have been found in possession of a file dagger at Fuk Wing Street on Jan. 12; and to have loitered at Fuk Wing Street at 7.30 p.m. that day.

She So was further alleged to have maliciously wounded Wan Wing-yee on Jan. 10.

"SPITTER" WAS INDIGNANT

An outburst to prove his "innocence" cost Kung Hoi $15 more than 12 other "spitters" who appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Kung insisted he did not spit and said he was arrested for somebody else.

Other defendants, including three females, pleaded guilty and were each fined $15. A fourteenth defendant had $50 bail estreated on failing to appear. Kun Hoi was fined $30.

CATHEDRAL FUND

The following is a list of the Donations received up to 12th January, 1948 which have not yet been acknowledged in the press:—

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Dr. A. Sydenham	$ 15.-
O. Skinner	$ 50.-
Miss Sybil D. Spencer	$ 20.-
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	$ 189.05
Already acknowledged	132,499.26
Total.	$132,688.31

Donations may be sent to the Hon. Treasurers, Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.

Jew Girl Warrior

Irgun Zvai Leumi, the Jewish organisation which has been engaged in hostilitieswith British forces in Palestine, is now at grips with the Arabs.

Well armed youths and girls man defensive positions at strategic points as well as carrying out attacks on Arab positions. The most severe fighting goes on in the border area between the Arab City of Jaffa and the Jewish City of Tel Aviv.

Associated Press photo shows:—An Irgun girl unloading hand grenades as she stands sentry at the Jaffa-Tel Aviv border. A U.S. automatic pistol is seen on the ground. —AP Photo.

ODD SPOTS IN THE NEWS

SAVED HIMSELF

Tokyo, Jan. 13.

A Japanese, who claims he is 104 years old, attributes his longevity to a life-long bachelorhood.

Seijiro Hayashi, of Kawagoye city, near Toyko, also included as "secrets" of his long life a belief in Buddha and intensive physical training in the deep mountain recesses.

He said he entered a Buddhist temple when 18 years old to undergo ascetic training. He moved to Kawagoye when 90.

Born in 1844 in Tokyo, Hayashi said he is still hale and hearty.—United Press.

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HAMMER MURDERS

Tokyo, Jan. 14.

Stratmen Armistead, who is charged with killing four Japanese civilians by beating them to death with a hammer last October near the village of Zama, is expected to go on trial before an Eighth Army court martrial within a "short time," the Judge Advocate section indicated today.

Armistead was AWOL at the time of the alleged killings and was catpured after a four-day manhunt by CID agents when he tripped while fleeing from a posse of First Cavalry Division troopers.—United Press.

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DRY DOCK

Batavia, Jan. 14.

A 6,000 ton floating drydock, purchased by the Netherlands Indies Government from the British, has arrived at Batavia harbour.

The dock was built before the war at Palermo, towed to Alexandria when the war broke out, and was transferred to Aden when Alexandria was threatened by the Germans.

It was towed from Aden to Batavia in one month by the tug "Swarte Zee."— Associated Press.

STARS FALL

Ciudad Trojillo, (Dominican Republic) Jan. 13.

Thirty persons, including many Dominican Republic baseball stars, were killed today when a Dominican Airlines passenger plane crashed.

Press reports said the crash occurred between Barahona and Santiago, about 15 miles from Ciuded Trujillo.

Victims included almost all local baseball stars, who were to have competed in a national series game on Sunday Barahona.—United Press.

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"KAREN"

Tokyo, Jan. 14.

The typhoon "Karen," centered at approximately 300 miles west-north-west of Ulithi at 3 p.m. Wednesday (Japan time), was reported to be moving westward at 14 m.p.h., the Haneda weather centre announced today.

The typhoon's maximum winds were 80 m.p.h. but are expected to increase to 90 m.p.h. within the next 12 hours.

The 43rd weather wing has sent warnings to Ulithi, Yap and Palau.—United Press.

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DERAILED

Paris, Jan. 14.

Seven persons were killed and 10 injured near Saida, Algeria, yesterday when two cars of the Colomb Bechard-Oran express train broke loose and were derailed, the Agence France Press reported today from Oran. —United Press.

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KILLEARN

Tokyo, Jan. 14.

Lord Killern, special Commissioner in South-east Asia, will visit Japan from about January 21 until the end of the month, the British Embassy announced today.

The Commissioner will be accompanied by Lady Killearn. —United Press.

HIGHWAYMEN GO OFF THE ROAD FOR YEARS

The custom of goldsmiths melting immediately any purchased gold articles, instead of keeping them for three or four days in order to give rightful owners (if the articles should have been stolen) a chance of tracing them was commented upon by Justice Williams at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The case concerned three men who are charged with armed robbery and possession of arms.

Justice Williams also commended the action of three persons—Liu To, and a woman Wong Ho (victims of the robbery) and Yam Lam a godown keeper.

Their prompt action, he said, had resulted in the arrest of the accused. He hoped others would follow their example.

Fung Lim was sentenced to 14 years hard labour and 24 strokes.

Yeung Wah, who admitted to a charge of returning from banishment, was given 12 years, and 24 strokes. Wong Lai-chung received 10 years hard labour.

The accused were not represented. Mr. A. J. Clifford, assisted by S. I. Sykes, was for the prosecution.

The three accused—Fung Lim, Yeung Wah and Wong Lai-chung—were arraigned on three charges of highway robbery and one of possession of arms on various dates in Kowloon.

The prosecution alleged that on October 30, 1947, after robbing a man and a woman in Lime Street of a gold watch, a gold ring and two fountain pens, they were chased.

Third accused was arrested.

As a result of information given by him, the other two were also caught.

The arms, a revolver with six rounds, a dagger and two hand grenades—were found on the roof of 257 Portland Street, 2nd floor.

In statements made by all three accused, they admitted the arms belonged to all of them.

The third accused had already pleaded guilty.

Chased Them

Liu Leung, first witness, said he was walking along Lime Street at 5.30 p.m. on October 30 with a woman companion, Wong Ho, when Yeung Wah held him up with a revolver.

Fung Lim pointed a dagger at his chest, and Wong Lai-chung robbed him of the watch, ring and fountain pens.

After the robbers left, he and Wong Ho gave chase and eventually caught Wong Lai-chung, who was handed over to the Police.

Wong Ho, his woman companion, gave corroborative evidence.

D.S.I. Sykes testified to taking third accused from Shumshuipo Police Station to C.I.D. and of the subsequent arrest of second and first accused and of the discovery of the arms.

Fung Lim was taken by surprise, said Inspector Sykes.

The two fountain pens were found in his breast pocket.

He voluntarily admitted taking part in the robbery, pointed out the place where the arms were hidden, and told the Police that the watch had been pawned and the ring taken to a goldsmith shop to be melted down.

Decorator Nearly Lost His Jacket

With two previous convictions, Wong Lam, alias Wong Chu, (22) was yesterday sentenced to two years' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of burglary.

Inspector J. Orem said that at 5.45 a.m. on Jan. 13 Kwan Hing, an interior decorator of 72 Woosung Street (ground floor), awoke to find accused taking away his Chinese jacket.

Kwan blew his police whistle, and Det. 1025 and Pc 1252 who were on duty nearby responded. Accused was arrested on the premises with the jacket in his possession.

In the pockets of the jacket, concluded Inspector Orem, were $9.40 cash and a propelling pencil. The total value of the property was $23.90.

Accused gained admittance by lifting the front door off its hinges.

STANDING LAW COMMITTEE

The following members of the Standing Law Committee for 1948 were announced by the Colonial Secretary in Legislative Council yesterday:—

The Attorney-General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) Chairman; Mr. T. N. Chau; Mr. M. K. Lo; Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro; Mr. M. M. Watson.

Reminders

Today

Screening of "Wimbledon—1947," at H.K. Cricket Club (Members and Lady Guest only), 6.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club Luncheon, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

H.K. Women's International Club "At Home" to Lady Grantham, Gloucester Bldg., 4.30-5 p.m.

Public Meeting to discuss re-establishment of Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Jacobean Room, H.K. Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Official Opening of Rotary Club's Anti-Trachoma Clinic, Shaukiman, Taikoo Medical Centre.

European YMCA, Younger Set Guest Night, West Lounge, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

H.K. Engineering Society meeting, talk on "Air Conditioning" by Mr. S. E. Faber, Jacobean Room, H.K. Hotel, 6 p.m.

Talk on "What Are We Here For?" by Rev. George She at Toc H Club, 50, MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Concert of Recorded Music, Toc H Club, Talbot House, 50, MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Game Of Cricket Saved Australian P.O.W.

Australian POWs at Hainan were saved from American machinegun bullets by a game of cricket Lieut. C. McCutcheon told the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court yesterday.

He was continuing his evidence against 17 alleged war criminals on trial for crimes involving 263 Australian and 237 Dutch POWs between 1942 and 1945.

On Sunday in February, 1944, as the Australians were playing cricket, an American bomber suddenly appeared over the camp.

The machineguns were clearly seen to be trained on the group, the former POW said.

The Americans must have recognised their slouch hats and the game, which is unknown to the Japanese, witness told the four-man tribunal.

The bomber swooped away without firing a shot.

Bayonet-Point

The Japanese were taken by surprise and no fire was returned. The POWs were huddled into their huts at bayonet point.

From then on, American planes were frequently seen over Hainan skies, Lt. McCutcheon said.

The prisoners knew then that the Allied GHQ knew of their whereabouts and this relieved [illegible] medical evidence.

US Navy Men Charged As Fur And Drug Smugglers

Peiping, Jan. 14.

The first of two United States naval courts martial of marine officers charged with using official postal privilege to ship drug to China and furs to the United States has begun here.

The sum involved transactions reported to be in six figures.

One of the accused is Warrant Officer Burton E. Graham, formerly with the Firth Marine Division in Tientsin.

He is officially charged with using official facilities for commercial purposes.

Among Peiping witnesses are officials of the American Consulate.

At the conclusion of this trial the court will move to Tientsin to hear witnesses there.

The second court martial will try Colonel Leslie Narum, former Marine Quartermaster in Tientsin and popularly known as "Silver Fox" from his shock white hair.

He is alleged to have had fur dealings.

The case was said to have been broken up by Federal Bureau investigation a year ago, when a large fleet of Post Office shipment of drugs from the United States addressed Narum was discovered in damaged cargo on a Pacific Island.

The alleged operation was said to have a two-way basis, with shipments of American drugs penicillin and sulfa with high prices in China being shipped to Tientsin, and expensive China items, such as furs, being shipped from North China to the United States.—Associated Press.

ART EXHIBITION

An Exhibition of Chinese Paintings by Prof. Pan Shiu-yau is to be opened under the auspices of the Hong Kong Working Artists' Guild on Friday at the Francis Hotel. The exhibition includes an important series of paintings illustrating the famous Chinese Novel "Water Margin."

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SUMMARIES

Amended Pensions Bill Explained

The Bill amending the Widows and Orphans Pension Ordinance 1908 by the repeal of section 3 passed its first reading in the Legislative Council yesterday.

The Attorney General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) explained that, under section 3, an officer who may be a contributor under the Ordinance is a person who is in receipt of a total salary of $480 a year.

The consequence of the Salaries Commission recommendations will be that a great number of people will be in receipt of salary in excess of this amount.

It is not possible, however, to reach a decision as to precisely the category of Government officers who will be a contributor to the Ordinance.

It is therefore necessary to repeal section 3 of the principal Ordinance and to provide that the category of person who shall in future be contributors under the Ordinance shall be determined with retrospective effect as from January 1, 1947, when a decision can be reached.

The Colonial Secretary seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Memorial Fund

A Bill amending the Hong fied in the schedules to the Ordinance 1947, allowing payments from the Fund to be made to dependent parents of deceased persons specified in the schedules to the Ordinance, also passed its first reading.

Explaining the amendment, the Attorney General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) said only widow and children of an officer or member of the organisations specified in the schedules to the Ordinance are entitled to benefits from the Fund.

In practice it has been found that there are cases of dependent parents for whom provision might be made from the Fund.

The amendment is intended to make this possible.

The motion was seconded by the Colonial Secretary and unanimously approved.

Annuities

New rules made by the Inland Revenue Board governing the apportionment of annuity between capital and income under the Inland Revenue Ordinance, 1947, were approved.

Explaining the new rules the Attorney General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) said, under section 9 of the Ordinance, taxes are charged on annuity.

Second 10 (3) of the Ordinance defines annuity as including any annual payment not being a return of capital.

The new rule for which approval was sought lays down the principles on which that portion of the annuity which represents a return of capital and which is thereby exempt from tax, shall be computed.

The Colonial Secretary seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Working Hours

An amendment to existing regulations under the Factories and Workshops Ordinance, 1937, made by the Commissioner of Labour, permitting women over the age of eighteen to be employed in certain factories between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., was approved.

Moving the adoption of the amendment, the Attorney General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) said existing regulations precluded any woman or child from being employed in factories between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Owing to the growth in recent times of factories which work on the shift system throughout the period of 24 hours, it was considered necessary that there should be permission for women over the age of 18 years to work between the house of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

The relaxation of the prohibition recently obtaining under regulation 8 of the Regulations will, however, be subject to fulfilment of conditions, the nature of which are specified.

The Colonial Secretary seconded the motion which was unanimously carried.

Salt Fish

An additional by-law adopted by the Urban Council on Dec. 23, 1947, under the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance 1935, controlling the wholesale trade in salt fish, was approved.

The Attorney-General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) explained that since the salting, drying and storing of salt fish necessarily involved offensive odour, this trade should be confined to a proper place.

Bill Postponed

The Bill to amend the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance 1947, which was down for first read-reading yesterday, was, on the motion of the Attorney General, postponed.

The Attorney General said only yesterday he had become aware of the possible necessity of still further amendments to the Ordinance.

Banking Ordinance

The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance, 1948, passed its second and third readings.

The Ordinance permits the Bank to issue new share certificates to shareholders in place of those lost during the war.

Macao Police To Be Better Equipped

Macao, Jan. 14.

Captain Luis Faletti, the new Commandant of the Macao Police Force, revealed today that more up-to-date weapons are to be used by the Force for greater efficiency in protection of the public.

Approval is being sought to increase the strength of the Force and a higher scale of wages is envisaged for the rank and file.

A scheme for the improvement of traffic conditions is also under way, said the new Commandant.

—Our Own Correspondent.

Bite By Wolf Worth £100

London, Jan. 13.

A 13-year-old boy who was bitten by wolves at the Chester Zoo in June, 1945, was at the county court of Chester today awarded agreed damages of £100 for his injuries.

The judge, approving the settlement, said: "Fortunately the wolves were British born, so that there is no fear of rabies".

The defendants were the North of England Zoological Society, Limited.

The boy and another lad were standing at the edge of the wolves' pit when one wolf seized the boy's forearm as he pointed to the cubs' shed.

Another wolf also caught hold of it and a third was beaten off by a soldier with a spade.—Reuter.

INTEREST COUPONS

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8.15 p.m.—Orquesta Tipica Roberto Firpo.
8.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: Music in Miniature.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.
9.11 p.m.—Studio: Book Review Presented by Reinaldo Oblitas.
9.25 p.m.—Studio: Piano Recital by Clara Stansfeld.
9.45 p.m.—"We Sing For You" Ninon Vallin and Tino Rosai.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News Reel.
10.15 p.m.—Liszt: "Orpheus" Symphonic Poem. Columbia Broadcasting Sym. Orch.
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Students will co-operate with the nursing staff of the three hospitals as flag sellers.

Besides flags, badges will also be sold for a minimum donation of $5.00 for which receipts will be rendered by the sellers.

Sidelight

TEEN-AGER LIKED SCHOOL But Not To Learn

Wong Sang is a 19-year-old youth from the Po On district who must have enjoyed going to school. At least, he made two visits within a fortnight to the Diocesan Boys' School, Homuntin.

From what Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth told Magistrate Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Court yesterday, Wong's visits were not for the purpose of gaining admission into the school as a pupil but to bolster his exceedingly precarious financial position.

On his first nocturnal visit to the school, made between 9.30 p.m. on Dec. 29 and 7 a.m. the following day, Wong helped himself to a bunch of keys, a driving licence and a shirt belonging to Mr. D.B.M. Board.

He also took 26 pairs of socks, a felt hat, a pair of shoes, a cotton wind-breaker, a pair of trousers and a belt, belonging to the boarders.

"Perturbed"

Perturbed by the loss, the school personnel and boys kept a sharp lookout for trespassers.

On Jan. 10 night a telephone was received by the Kowloon City Police from the school that a suspicious character had been seen on the hillside by the school.

Dets. 935 and 1055 were sent to investigate. At 12.10 a.m. on Jan. 11 they saw defendant behaving in a suspicious manner.

Under questioning, accused admitted that he had previously been to the school and stolen various articles.

He brought the detectives to another hill a short distance away from the school where, in a cave, the lost property were recovered.

In asking for a recommendation that accused be deported, SI Howarth said: "He is one of these persons which we could very well do without."

Wong was sentenced to 12 strokes of the cane and nine months' simple imprisonment. He was also recommended to be deported.

Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer and Minister of Economic Affairs (Sir Stafford Cripps) presided at the ceremonies at Berkeley Square, London, on Jan. 4, marking the inauguration of the Independence of the Union of Burma.

Photo shows Sir Stafford Cripps sitting at his desk in Downing Street at a Press conference. — Associated Press Photo.

Letters From Readers

Kowloon City Question

Sir,—In 1898 the British and Chinese Governments signed two agreements for the leasing of territory by the former. The Kowloon Extension Agreement, which was signed on June 9, 1898, at Peking, was stated to be necessitated by recognition of the fact that "an extension of Hong Kong Territory is necessary for the proper defence and protection of the Colony." It provided for a ninety-nine year lease of what are now known as the Leased or New Territories. The Weihaiwei Agreement, based upon British requirements for "a "suitable naval harbour in North China, and for the better protection of British commerce in the neighbouring seas" leased designated areas in Weihaiwei to the British Government "for so long a period as Fort Arthur shall remain in the occupation of Russia." The Chinese did not request the cancellation of lease after the fall of Port Arthur to the Japanese, and the actual rendition of Weihaiwei took place in October, 1930, as a result of another Anglo-Chinese agreement.

Both the Kowloon Extension Agreement and the Weihaiwei Convention included a stipulation in regard to walled city within the leased area. The Weihaiwei Convention provided that:

"It is also agreed that within the walled city of Weihaiwei Chinese officials shall continue to exercise jurisdiction, except so far as may be inconsistent with naval and military requirements for the defence of the territory leased."

As the British Government decided not to fortify Weihaiwei, Chinese officials remained in control of the little walled city there until rendition. There were, however, frequent complaints from the British authorities of the insanitary conditions prevailing there, and of the protection afforded to Chinese criminals who fled into the city from the British leased territory.

The clause in the Kowloon agreement was not quite so precise. It read:

"It is at the same time agreed that within the walled City of Kowloon the Chinese officials *now stationed there* shall continue to exercise jurisdiction, except so far as may be inconsistent with the military requirements for the defence of Hong Kong."

On a literal interpretation of this clause it could reasonably be contended that the privilege of jurisdiction would only be extended to Chinese officials stationed there at the time of the lease.

Each clause, however had this, in common, that they gave the British Government the unilateral right to determine whether continued exercise of jurisdiction by Chinese officials was consistent with military and defence requirements. It would be a reductio ad absurdum to argue that it was left to the Chinese to decide whether British naval, military or defence requirements were compatible with the continued exercise of Chinese jurisdiction in a city within the leased area. Actually, the year following the transfer of the Leased Territory behind Kowloon the Boxer Rebellion broke out, and had it extended to the South the defence of Hong Kong against Chinese fanatics might have become a very serious problem.

Resistance to the transfer of the Leased Territory at the time arranged (April 1898) by militia and secret societies, obviously supported from Canton, and the fact that of the total population of Kowloon City (744), a large majority (544) consisted of Chinese troops, led the British authorities to invoke their unilateral discretion, as provided for in the lease Agreement. The Order in Council of Dec. 27, 1899, abrogating Chinese jurisdiction in Kowloon City asserted that "the exercise of jurisdiction by the Chinese officials in the City of Kowloon" had "been found to be inconsistent with the military requirements of Hong Kong." Neither then, or so far as I know, up to 1946, when the Po On Magistrate decided to put a finger into the pie, was the decision challenged by the Chinese Government, whose right to decide what were British military requirements would, in any case, not have been recognized.

Kowloon Walled City seven to eight acres in area, was among the small-st cities in China. It remained to all intents and purposes a slum area until the Japanese occupation. The invaders pulled down the city walls, and evicted most of the inhabitants, so that it is now difficult without a large scale map to find the exact locality of the former city. But it is adjacent to a thickly populated area, and almost abuts on Kaitak airfield, so that both from hygienic and defence viewpoints its administration as part of the Leased Territory is imperative.

Mystery surrounds the action of the Po On Magistrate in suddenly deciding that he ought to assume jurisdiction over this rubble heap after a lapse of 48 years. Rumour has it that certain Po On interests desire to organize gambling establishments in the area. And the fact that one of the agitators sentenced on Tuesday for inciting resistance to the Police confessed that he was a former propagandist in the Political Section of the 156th Division of the Chinese Army can leave little doubt that the whole agitation is a put-up job,

(Continued on Page 4)

Personalia

Sir Franklin Gimson, Governor of Singapore, is leaving on January 16 in H.M.S. "London" on an official visit to Hong Kong, says Associated Press.

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The following have arrived from Singapore by BOAC flying-boat: Brigadier H.S. King, Messrs. Chia Yook-yue, Tan Pitt-seng, W. W. Watt, Frank Harris, J. T. Burdett, Choong Sin-choy, Hindmarsh, Yeo Hoo-pin, Straight, R. H. Olsson, G. Rainwater, N. A. Anderson and J. L. Erwin, Mrs. Tan Pitt-seng.

COULDN'T JUMP THIS ONE

Eighteen-year-old Leung Hing could not "jump" this one he was given the option of $35 fine or two weeks' imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada yesterday at Central Magistracy.

On two occasions the hawker jumped into the harbour to avoid police custody.

Leung was convicted with escaping from police custody, hawking without license and obstructing.

Sergeant Fined For Dangerous Driving

Sgt. John Charles Kent, 083 Coy. R.A.S.C., was convicted by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of dangerous driving at Castle Peak Road, near the 11-milestone, on Christmas Day. He was fined $300 and given one month to pay.

In convicting defendant, the Magistrate declared that he found the driver of the private car (Mr. Nelson) also at fault. He recommended that Mr. Nelson also be summoned when he leaves hospital.

Sub-Inspector F. Roberts informed the Court that Mr. Nelson was still in hospital suffering from a fractured knee.

In his final submission yesterday, Mr. A. S. C. Comber stated that the defendant was sent out on a very urgent call.

The road was very lightly used at that time and defendant was going at about 34 m.p.h. with full control of his vehicle.

When he rounded the bend and saw the other car approaching, said defence counsel, accused thought the private car would back towards the car park.

He was placed in a dilemma and acted on the spur of the moment.

Chan Kam-chung, driver of a Government Sanitary lorry, which was involved in a fatal accident in Pokfulum Road on Sept. 20, 1947, was yesterday found not guilty of manslaughter by a jury but guilty of driving to the danger of the public. Sentence was deferred to Monday, January 19.

The jury was divided on the verdict.

The case was tried by the Puisne Judge (Mr. T.J. Gould).

Mr. E. H. Salisbury, assisted by Inspector W. Eggleston, prosecuted; and Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. C.A.S. Russ, was for the defence.

After the verdict was announced, Mr. Hin-shing Lo made a plea for mitigation for accused.

Accused, he said, had been in custody for four months.

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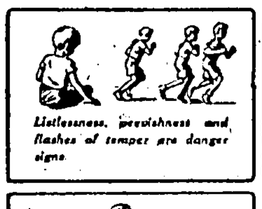

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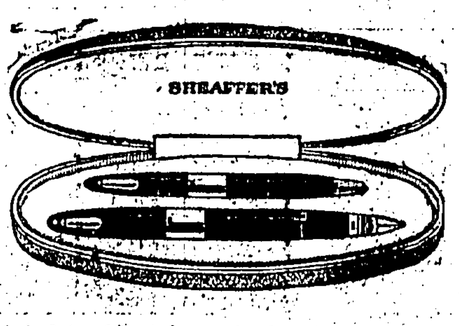

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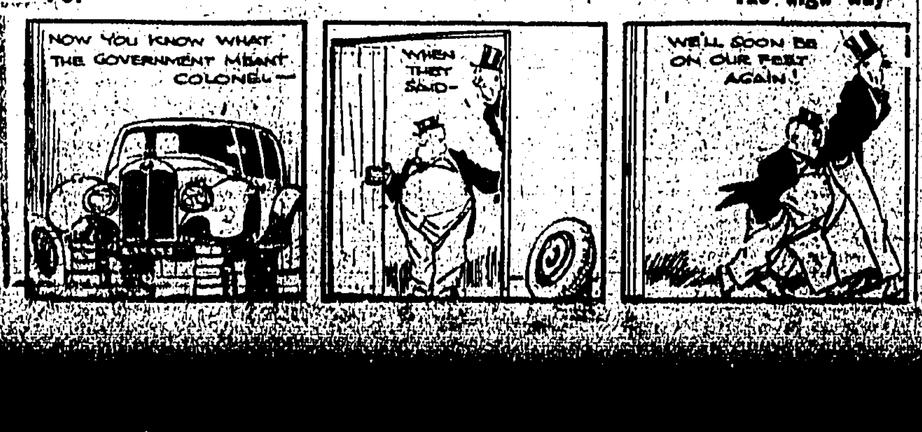

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Lot 5	TWIN NISSEN HUT (Incomplete)				1

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5. Applicants for Tenders are required to deposit HK$100.00 (One hundred) with the Board at the time of application. This sum may be reckoned as part of the 10% deposit required to be remitted with any tender.

6. The HK$100.00 deposits made by contractors not eventually wishing to tender will be returnable against receipt at the Board's offices of the original Tender Form issued.

7. Tenders must be deposited with the Board in sealed packets marked:—"Tender No. 20" and addressed to the Chairman.

8. Closing date for Tenders:—12 Noon Friday, 23rd January, 1948.

9. The Chairman of the British Stores Disposal Board (Hong Kong) does not bind himself to accept the highest or any tender.

WALTER M. WEINBERGER, Chairman, BRITISH STORES DISPOSAL BOARD, HONG KONG.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE HONG KONG DERBY 1948.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

The Sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will CLOSE

at the Branch Office, Kowloon, at 4 p.m. on Friday, 16th January,

at the Treasurers' Office, Exchange Building, at 1.00 p.m. on Saturday, 17th January,

at the Race Course, at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, 17th January.

The DRAW will be held at the Public Pari-Mutuel Hall, the Race Course, **at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 19th January.**

By Order,

S. A. SLEAP, Actg. Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1948.

Saturday, 17th January, Monday, 19th January, Tuesday, 20th January & Saturday, 24th January.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 noon, each day. The tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

Through numbers (44 race $88.00) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the "HONG KONG DERBY" scheduled to be run on the second day, Monday, 19th January. The latter may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10 per day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Compradore Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are order in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27813).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

Any Servant found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and, will be removed from the enclosure.

BY ORDER, S. A. SLEAP, Actg. Secretary.

SOMALILAND CLASHES

More Than Fifty Killed In Mogadischu

David Niven Re-Marries

LONDON, JAN. 13.

DAVID NIVEN, THE BRITISH FILM ACTOR, IS TO BE MARRIED IN LONDON TOMORROW TO MRS. HYORDIS TERSMEDEN OF STOCKHOLM, THE FORMER WIFE OF A WEALTHY BUSINESSMAN.

Niven is at present in England making a film "Bonnie Prince Charlie."

Forty-two-year-old Niven and Mrs. Tersmeden, whose marriage was dissolved last year, met casually at the studio where Niven is making his new picture. She was visiting the studio.

Niven's first wife died in May 1946 after falling during a game of charades at a party given by Tyrone Power at his Hollywood home. She was only 27.

There are two children of the marriage.—Reuter.

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT 3½% DOLLAR LOANS, 1934 AND 1940

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H. R. HIRST, Accountant General.

The Treasury, Hongkong, 14th Jan., 1948.

OLD KOWLOON CITY

As regard buildings materials removed from Old Kowloon City after the demolition of illegal structures there on January 12th, persons who owned such materials when the structures were standing in Old Kowloon City are notified that on application being made on the 15th and 16th January between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to a Public Works representative at the Kowloon Disinfecting Station in Kwong Wah Street, they may be permitted to carry away such materials as are there and can be identified as having previously belonged to them.

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King's African Rifles Called In

Cairo, Jan. 13.

Forty-two Italians and 11 Somalis were killed in severe rioting in Mogadischu, Italian Somaliland, on Sunday, British army headquarters announced here tonight.

Thirty-nine Italians, 44 Somalis and two police were wounded. Order was completely restored the same evening. A curfew was imposed and the military patrolled the streets.

A commission, appointed by the Big Four Powers, to investigate the problem of the former Italian Colonies, is at present visiting Somaliland.

Last Sunday, the Somali Youth League organised a procession, the object of which was to impress their aspirations on the commission.

The commission had previously expressed the desire that such manifestations of opinion should not be forbidden or discouraged by the British military administration, and said it hoped to attend the demonstration.

The statement from British headquarters added: "In the morning, gangs of Somalis, sympathetic to Italian claims, had entered the town armed with spears, clubs, bows and arrows with the intention of breaking up the Somali Youth procession.

"They attacked the league's lorries, individual supporters and the league headquarters at which they threw stones.

"Italian inhabitants of Mogadischu are believed to have encouraged and taken part in the organisation of the attack.

"Some handgrenades were thrown and shots were fired by the Italians.

Provocation

"The Somali Youth procession had been well conducted but provoked by this interference it retaliated and rioting directed against the Italians followed.

"Hooligans took advantage of the disturbances and some houses, shops and premises—particularly those displaying Italian flags—were attacked and damaged.

"Italians and Italian sympathisers were assaulted.

"Order was restored within two hours after two companies of the King's African Rifles had been called in to assist the police.

"Sporadic looting continued afterwards but 11 o'clock at night all was quiet.

"The British military administration has taken urgent measures to secure the situation and prevent fresh outbreaks."—Reuter.

Letters From Readers

Kowloon City Question

(*Continued from Page 3*)

inspired by some elements desirous of embarrassing the British and exacerbating Anglo-Chinese relations. That the Nanking Government at the very moment when the British authorities have concluded an agreement for which China has been striving for forty years, to prevent smuggling from Hong Kong to the mainland, should lend its support to this spurious agitation is perhaps the most extraordinary, and lamentable part of the whole incident. Mr. T.W. Kwok who states that he demanded the release of the men who incited resistance to the Police ought to be aware that the British system of justice does not operate under alien pressure. If the accused have been found guilty of an offence, and appropriately punished therefore, no amount of agitation by irresponsible Chinese elements will produce any results.

There are one or two questions which might appropriately be put to the Po On Magistrate:

1. Has he issued leases to the persons who were evicted on Jan. 5, and if so can he produce the leases and reveal whether the British authorities were ever informed thereof;

2. If he has not had the presumption to issue leases, and admits that the persons evicted were squatters, does the Chinese Government intend to claim that squatting under insanitary conditions and without any legal right, in the heart of a British administered area is desirable, or justifiable?

3. Who sent Lau Ngai-fu, self-confessed army political propaganist to Kowloon, when, and for what purpose?

4. Does the Po On Magistrate (or his Superiors) seriously contend that the existence of a Chinese-administered rubble heap on the approach to the only aerodrome in the Colony is consistant with British defence requirements?

5. On what basis can it be argued that a unilateral provision in the Lease Agreement enforced without any Chinese protest in 1899, should be rescinded in 1948?

The whole Chinese agitation reveals a lack of perspective incredible on the part of what claims to be a responsible Chinese Government. The administration of Hong Kong ever since V. J. Day has been conducted with numerous evidences of British friendliness and goodwill, culminating in the recent Customs Agreement. Is this structure of Anglo-Chinese friendship to be jeopardized by a fantastic quibble over a small rubbish heap which can best serve some purpose to the community if, as now intended, it is cleared of ruins, and converted into a public park.

Alternative temporary accommodation has been offered to the Kowloon City squatters, and there is no reason to suppose that they would have refused it if agitators financed and inspired from outside the Colony had not incited them to pretend to a grievance which does not exist.

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FIAT JUSTITIA.

SWISS MISSION IN LONDON

London, Jan. 13.

A Swiss delegation headed by Dr. H. Schaffner, principal delegate of the Swiss Federal Government, arrived here tonight.

The delegation which includes Professor W. Hunziker, chairman of the Swiss Tourist Traffic Association will meet the British delegation on Thursday to discuss trade and balance of payment between the two countries.

It is understood that the Swiss delegation will try to persuade the British Government to relax the ban on foreign travel, if only on a restricted scale, next summer.—Reuter.

Anglo-Slav Trade Pact Suggested

London, Jan. 13.

Yugoslav quarters in London expressed hope today that an Anglo-Yugoslav long term trade agreement might soon be concluded following the expected return here on Thursday from Belgrade of M. Stanislav Krapsak, leader of the Yugoslav trade delegation.

A Yugoslav spokesman said that Britain wanted a guaranteed delivery of 150,000 tons from Yugoslavia's maize crop both this year and next year with 200,000 tons in each of the following two years, but Britain, he said, would not give a firm date for the delivery of a steel producing plant and heavy electrical equipment needed in Yugoslavia.

The latest Yugoslav proposals are understood to include the suggestion that compensation for British property in Yugoslavia — estimated at over £10,000,000—should be seperated from the trade talks and that a representative of British property and shareholders should go to Belgrade for direct negotiations.—Reuter.

Control Of Investments

Havana, Jan. 13.

Mr. H.L. Coombs (Australia) has submitted to an International Trade Organisation subcommittee a proposal on international investments that is generally considered a good working basis for an agreement.

The United States, Britain, India, Brazil, Ceylon and Mexico all favour the proposal, which stipulates that International Trade Organisation members shall have the right to ensure that foreign investments are not used as a basis for interference in members' internal affairs and national policies.

The proposal also stated: Members should have the right to prescribe the requirements concerning the ownership of investments within their territories and that the interests of members whose citizens had capital for investment would best be promoted by bilateral or multilateral agreements.—Reuter.

Americans Jib At Greek Policy

ATHENS, JAN. 13.

DWIGHT GRISWOLD, CHIEF OF THE AMERICAN AID MISSION, TO-DAY INDICATED THAT HE DOES NOT SEE EYE TO EYE WITH GREEK OFFICIALS ON ECONOMIC AND MILITARY POLICIES. HE ANNOUNCED THAT HE MAY RETURN TO WASHINGTON WITHIN A FEW WEEKS TO REVIEW THE ENTIRE AID PROGRAMME.

Griswold said that a "pretty good agreement" was reached last night with top members of the Greek Cabinet although he was dissatisfied generally with Greece's failure to cope with its economic problems.

The newly agreed upon economic programme, Griswold said, would include credit control and is expected to curb inflation. Reliable sources said, however, that Greek officials have been "non-cooperative" to a great extent.

This was especially true with the War Minister, George Stratos, who bluntly refused to reduce the rolls of Government employees as requested by the American Mission.

Stratos also failed to keep the Americans fully informed of his plans.

Griswold was understood to have included in his recent memorandum to the Goverment a criticism of Stratos with the demand that he cooperate or be ousted from the Cabinet. This section of the memorandum was deleted after the conference between Griswold and Premier Themistocles Sofoulis, however, and it appeared that the difficulty has been ironed out.—United Press.

BANK HOLIDAYS

The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of EXCHANGE business at 12 Noon on Monday and Tuesday, the 19th and 20th January, 1948, (Race Days).

15th January, 1948.

THE SPORTS CLUB

Selling Lotteries for the Racing Stakes (both sections), Chater Cup, and the Hong Kong Derby will be held on Friday, 16th January, 1948 at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

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BRITAIN'S WITHDRAWAL

Palestine Commission To Hear Plan In Detail

But In Secret Session

Lake Success, Jan. 13.

The United Nations Palestine Commission will meet in closed session tomorrow to hear, for the first time, Sir Alexander Cadogan and one of his special assistants explain the British point of view towards the Commission's work.

It is understood that Sir Alexander and his special assistant, probably Mr. Trafford Smith, will disclose details of Britain's plan for cooperating with the Commission when it takes over Palestine.

By agreement, and at British insistence, it was understood that no publicity would be given to the British statements.

Sir Alexander is understood to have told the United Nations Secretariat and the Palestine Commissioners that the Holy Land situation was so tense that it would be impossible to divulge any of Britain's plans except in a strictly secret session.

One member of the Commission is understood to have a resolution in his pocket asking the Security Council to provide an international force to enforce the partition, but is believed to have been convinced by other members of the Commission that such a proposal would be premature at this stage.

Sir Alexander Cadogan is permanent British delegate to the United Nations. The first-nation Commission, set up to implement the United Nations General Assembly's decision to partition Palestine, is headed by Dr. Karel Lisicsky, of Czechoslovakia.

The Commission began its work here last week and decided to invite Britain, the Jewish Agency and the Arab Higher Committee to be available to give evidence.

The Commission made a preliminary review of the Assembly partition resolution at a closed session on Saturday last.—Reuter.

MANILA POWER SCHEME

Manila, Jan. 14.

Reports from Baguio, where President Manuel Roxas is holding conferences with high Philippine officials, said today that the President had approved the US$88,000,000 Westinghouse hydroelectric power development project as outlined in the Beyster Corporation's industrialization plan for the Philippines.—United Press.

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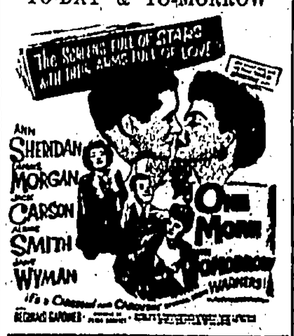

Mass Migration

Baghdad, Jan. 13.

The Iraq Government decided today to admit 2,500 Yugoslav Moslems who wish to emigrate.

Mumtaz Alumari, the assistant director-general in the Ministry of the Interior, is leaving for Cairo shortly for talks with Arab League representatives before going on to Europe to make arrangements for the Yugoslav Moslems trip to Iraq.—Reuter.

Bank Strike Settled

Rome, Jan. 13.

A tentative agreement has been reached which promises to end Italy's 14-day-old nation-wide bank strike.

Bankers have relinquished their demand that employees return to working separate morning and afternoon shifts instead of the present single shift, and have also agreed to continue the cost of living increases granted last year.—Associated Press.

Eisenhower Stock Booming

WASHINGTON, JAN. 13.

THE EISENHOWER FOR PRESIDENT BOOM TODAY APPEARED TO BE THE FASTEST MOVING THING IN AMERICAN POLITICS AFTER GEN. DWIGHT EISENHOWER FAILED TO COMMENT ON HIS ENTRY IN THE SLATE OF DELEGATES IN THE MAR. 9 NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY.

Unless he takes himself out of the campaign shortly he will be in the pre-convention campaign for the Republican Presidential nomination to stay and win or take a licking.

The announcement of Eisenhower on the delegates' slate entered by New Hampshire was followed by the endorsement of Senator Charles W. Tobey (Republican, New Hampshire).

He said, "For some time I have been giving a serious thought as to which man of the several possible candidates for the Republican nomination is best qualified to lead the nation at this time of great crisis. I have come to the conclusion that Eisenhower is that man."

Political experts believed that the general would be smoked out on some definite statements, perhaps removing himself permanently from politics, but through the Army Public Relations he said he would not comment on the New Hampshire developments. A spokesman said that Ike said previously that he wanted nothing to do with politics and he had not changed his mind.

N. B. Williams Jr., chairman of the Pennsylvania Draft Eisenhower League, said today that Eisenhower's name will be place on the Presidential preference ballot in the Pennsylvania primary on April 27.

Williams said the move is being made "without Eisenhower's knowledge or consent, but with or without his consent we want Eisenhower, and the only way we know to get him is with ballots and delegates."—United Press.

Washington Air Crash

Washington, Jan. 14.

Five persons were killed and four others injured yesterday when an Eastern Airlines plane crashed while approaching the Washington International Airport in a rainstorm.

Three of those killed were passengers and two of the crew.

The plane, en route from Houston, Texas, to Boston, ploughed into a grove of trees on the Maryland side of the Potomac River, a few miles from the airport shortly after reporting it was coming in for a landing.

The twin engine DC3 (Dakota) was demolished, but there was no fire.—Associated Press.

PEARL HARBOUR PASSED

Washington, Jan. 13.

Any possibility of court-martial for Army and Navy Commanders at Hawaii when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbour has been removed. The deadline set by Congress for filing charges expired last June 30.

Lieutenant General Walter C. Short and Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, Pearl Harbour Commandants at the time, are both retired.—Associated Press.

"Lion Men" Murder Case Re-Tried

DAR-ES SALAAM, TANGANYIKA, JAN. 13.

NINE OUT OF THE TEN MEN AND WOMEN PREVIOUSLY SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR THE PART THEY WERE ALLEGED TO HAVE TAKEN IN LAST YEAR'S "LION MEN" MURDERS IN THE SINGIDA DISTRICT OF TANGANYIKA, WERE ACQUITTED AT RETRIALS JUST CONCLUDED BEFORE MR. JUSTICE SINCLAIR AT SINGIDA ON INSTRUCTIONS BY THE COURT OF APPEAL.

The one found guilty was a woman, who was again sentenced to death.

The trials arose out of murders by hired assassins disguised as lions.

Mr. Justice Sinclair also heard two new "lion" cases. In one of these, three women were found guilty of taking part in murder and were all sentenced to death.

In the second, the judge acquitted the accused as there was some doubt, he said, whether the victim was killed by "lion men" or by a man-eating lion.

Four men and three women were hanged at Dodoma Prison last Friday for taking part in "lion men" murders in the Singida district. Originally 26 Africans were sentenced to death including the ten who have just been retried.—Reuter.

Record Air Bid Postponed

MORETON VALENCE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, JAN. 13.

LOW CLOUDS AND WIND GUSTS CAUSED SQUADRON LEADER W. WATERTON, CANADIAN-BORN CHIEF PILOT OF THE GLOSTER COMPANY, TO ABANDON HIS ATTEMPT TO SET UP A NEW INTERNATIONAL AIR SPEED RECORD OVER A CLOSED CIRCUIT OF 100 KILOMETRES HERE TODAY.

The record stands at 490.88 mph set up by Group Captain John Cunningham, chief test pilot of the De Havilland Company, on August 31 last year when he beat 493.38 mph, the record created in 1946 by Lieutenant Baird of the United States.

In a test of the course, Squadron Leader Waterton made on a circuit the speed of 522.8 mph but later found the weather too bad to attempt three runs round the course for the record.—Reuter.

Philippine Court's Ruling

Manila, Jan. 14.

The Secretary of Justice (Mr. Roman Ozaeta) said today that he would discuss with the Cabinet the question of the disposition of alien landholdings in the Philippines, in the light of the recent Supreme Court decision in the case of Alexander Krivenko, stateless Russian, where the Court ruled that no alien may own Philippine land.

Mr. Ozaeta said he had not authorized the Solicitor-General's statement that alien landholdings could be confiscated without compensation to the owners.

He said the question was for top-level consideration—by the President and Cabinet.

Americans are not affected by the Supreme Court ruling.—United Press.

North China Court-Martials

Peiping, Jan. 14.

Brig. Gen. Omar Pfeiffer, former Commanding Officer of Marines at Tsingtao, is expected to preside at the court martial that is to try Col. Leslie F. Narum on charges of illegal activities while he was a Supply Officer in Tientsin last summer.

Meanwhile, testimony has begun in the trial of Warrant Officer Burton Graham, who is charged with falsifying bills of lading and other illegal acts in connection with the shipment of eight cases of furs to San Francisco this summer and the purchase of two automobiles.—United Press.

NO FORMALITY

London, Jan. 13.

Britain is considering whether to recredit the British Minister in Rumania to the new head of the Rumanian Government—the President of the Presidium—following the abdication of King Michael, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

He said the decision was a political one and not merely a formality.—Reuter.

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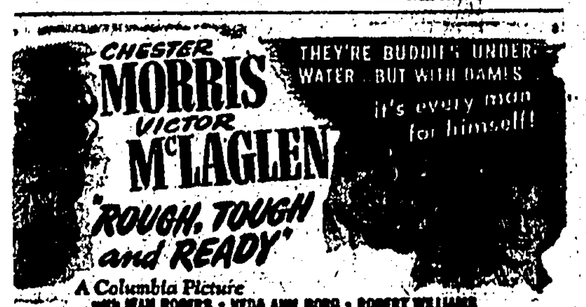

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HENRY.—At Singapore, to Bette, wife of Jim Henry, a son, Reginald Gerald, January 3. Both well.

BRITAIN FACES THE FACTS

With Molotov's elaborate, disingenuous defence of Soviet policy fresh in his mind, the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, has said with firmness and restraint just what needed to be said of the part that Russia has chosen to play in the world. His broadcast was primarily intended for his British audience, but for foreign listeners it summed up in a few sentences the view which the British Government has been forced to take of the Soviet position.

Mr. Attlee's broadcast.

"Soviet communism pursues a policy which threatens with a new form of imperialism—ideological, economic and strategic—the welfare and way of life of the other nations of Europe."

They are grave words. But the history of the two and a half years since the end of the war fully justifies them. The pattern of events has become only too plain.

Soviet Russia had already turned in 1939 from her quiescent policy of seeking security abroad and of devoting her energies to reconstruction at home. She had in collusion with Hitler's Germany absorbed the three Baltic Republics. She had annexed Eastern Poland. She had taken Bessarabia and the Bukovina from Rumania.

Tacitly or expressly, the Western Allies agreed that she should keep these territories, to which was added sub-Carpathian Russia, ceded by Czechoslovakia, and the Konigsberg area of East Prussia. It would have been difficult to refuse Stalin's demand for territory as a reward for the part Russia had played, since he insisted that these annexations were essential for her security in the future. And it was, trustingly, believed then that this territorial expansion was all she sought in Europe; that the pledge that the East European countries' independence would be fully safeguarded was genuinely meant.

Then came the new doctrine that the Soviet Union was entitled to require that in every neighbouring country there should be a government "loyal" to Moscow.

That doctrine translated into practice has meant that the governments of all these countries have, at Russian dictation or under Russian pressure, been brought under effective control of Communist ministers who openly avow that they are under the leadership of Stalin. There is in none of them—with the partial and perhaps temporary exception of Czechoslovakia—either genuine democracy or any independence. For all practical purposes the policies of Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Albania and Hungary are controlled from Moscow as completely as were even Hitler's satellites controlled from Berlin.

It is indeed a new form of imperialism. And, as Mr. Attlee has noted, it is also ideological and economic. No speech, no thought, is tolerated in these countries which does not accord with what is, at the moment, permitted in Moscow. And their economies are being month by month more closely integrated with that of the Soviet Union. Such devices as the "mixed companies" under Soviet control which underpin the dictatorships in Rumania and Hungary are characteristic devices of economic imperialism. So Eastern Europe, except for Greece, is today under the close hegemony of the Soviet Government. And every effort is being made to cut it off as completely as possible—except for well controlled trade from the West.

Not only to cut it off. But throughout the whole area a steady propaganda incites hostility to the West, seeks in every way to widen and deepen the gulf that has been created by force.

That is the achievement to date of the new imperialism. And already, quite openly, it is seeking, through the agencies of the Communist parties, to gain a hold in France, in Italy and in Western Germany. The Soviet leaders proclaim the existence of a "struggle" between two "camps." The one camp is the Soviet Union and its satellites, the other—the rest of the world. Those are the harsh facts of the situation. The importance of Mr. Attlee's broadcast is that it makes it clear that British policy is now based on recognition of the facts, not on acceptance of assurances from Moscow that the Soviet Union stands for democracy and national independence.

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

At half-past 2 a.m. on the 16th instant, the European constable on duty heard an alarm of thieves from 279 Lower Bazaar. On hastening there he found that a burglary had been committed, entrance having been effected by removing a number of bricks from the back wall—two boxes containing clothing and $12 had been removed, but one was found near the premises.

The thieves were traced along the waterside and under the West Market, where one of them was seen by the Constable, who finding that he could not apprehend him fired off his fuzee, but without effect.

A jacket, two pairs trowsers, and a housebreaking implement were dropped by the thieves in their flight.

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Despatches from Home state that the effect of musketry and shot upon iron vessels has been an object of test on board Her Majesty's ship "Excellent." Some sheets of iron of the same thickness as those used in the building of iron vessels have been placed at certain distances from the ship, and musketry and grape and canister fired at them.

At 40 yards' distance, the musket ball, with the common charge of powder in the weapon, has penetrated completely the iron, leaving a perfectly round hole; case shot, at 200 yards, completely penetrated the iron of half and three-quarter inch thickness, showing that even at the most ordinary distances the balls of the most commonplace weapons will completely penetrate the iron sides of a ship.

CHINA'S INSISTENCE ON THE VETO

Supported By The Intelligensia

The Chinese Government's stand, that the Great Power veto should form part of the Japanese peace conference voting procedure has the support of the Chinese intelligentsia generally.

This is indicated by a poll taken by the "Central Daily News Weekly," official organ of the Kuomintang Party, which asked 31 of China's leading specialists in various fields—including college professors, members of the People's Political Council, high Government officials and publishers and editors—to give their opinions on five outstanding current issues.

Most of the 31 people questioned endorsed China's attitude in regard to the veto. A few suggested a compromise by the Big-Four Governments in order to break the deadlock, while ten proposed that under certain conditions China may advantageously put forward a new proposal in line with her present stand, in order to bring about fuller agreement between herself and the United States and thereby ensure the convocation of the Japanese peace conference before next summer.

The Conditions

They listed these conditions as:

1. United States willingness first to exchange with China the contents of the proposed peace terms for Japan to ensure a concurrence of Sino-American views.
2. Positive assurances from the United States of the adoption of China's main policies in principle.
3. Readiness of the United States to pursue a positive China-aid programme.

The four other questions covered in the poll concerned the improvement of Sino-Soviet relations, Communist suppression operations, Chinese economy and future relations between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Almost all the people answering the questionaire held the belief that Soviet-American relations will further deteriorate, and that this will inevitably lead to war. They, however, dismissed the possibility of an outbreak of hostilities between the two countries in 1948.

Sino-Soviet Relations

On the question of improving Sino-Soviet relations, the majority of the poll participants charged that the deterioration in relations between the two countries had been caused by the Soviet Union's failure to observe the terms of the Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship and Alliance and her obstruction to China's taking over Port Arthur and Dairen.

Some of the intellectuals emphasized that the rebellion of the Chinese Communists had seriously impaired Sino-Soviet friendship.

Mr. Tseng Chih-sheng, Secretary of the National Government, said: "It will be futile to talk of bettering relations between China and Russia in the absence of determination, understanding and sincerity on the part of both sides."

The opinion was also voiced that when the Chinese Communist rebellion has "fizzled out" and complete political unity is achieved in China, relations between China and Russia will naturally take a favourable turn.

Most of the persons questioned thought that the civil war would end in a Government success within one to three years.

Three Years

Pointing out that the anti-Communist campaign acually did not begin right after the Japanese capitulation but only in 1947, Mr. Chen Fu Yuan, a member of the Legislative Yuan, expressed the opinion that it was unlikely to be concluded in the near future. "However," he added, "it certainly will not extend over three years."

"With further political reforms to support military measures, the period of punitive operations will be considerably shortened," Professor Chou Hsu-shan, of the National Political University, said.

The majority of the group questioned opened that economic conditions in China in 1948 would not show considerable improvement or deterioration, emphasizing that the economic factor was intimately linked with many others.

Some of them, however, thought that the Chinese economic situation would take a turn for the better this year.

One highly-placed journalist said 1948 "will surely bring a more encourgging military picture, plus improved communications, which will naturally contribute towards the amelioration of the people's livelihood."

No Stability

Meanwhile, in an article in the same journal, Mr. Chen Po-sheng, editor-in-chief of the official Central News Agency and a graduate of the Tokyo Imperial University, said there would be no stability in the Far East if the Japanese peace treaty problem was not solved.

He opined that the Japanese peace conference should be held "not later than next summer," as China was one of the greatest sufferers by an indefinite postponement.

He urged China not to insist that the conference be held on Chinese territory, and to adopt "a lenient and reasonable attitude towards Japan" in order to banish ill-will or a desire for retaliation from Japanese minds.

Mr. Chen thought that, in order effectively to eradicate Japanese chauvinism, a period of 50 years would be needed to reeducate the Japanese people. —Reuter.

IMPORTANT FIND IN KANSU

Remains of human dwellings believed to have been inhabited by pre-Han people over 2,000 years ago were discovered for the first time in recent excavations carried out in China's mountainous far western province of Kansu.

Fossil remains of two lime living rooms were uncovered in the limestone formations of the Tao River valley in southwest Kansu by Dr. Pei Wen-chung, a member of the Chinese Geological Survey and one of the discoverers of Peking Man (or sinanthropus pekinensis).

The two rooms, according to Dr. Pei, occupied an area of about three square metres and were not inferior in workmanship to modern Chinese lime dwellings. In the centre of one of the rooms was a circular object believed to have been a furnace and lying around it were the remains of a woman and two children.

At one corner of the room was a "ting", or tripod, which people in ancient China used for sacrificial purposes. A necklace and two brass earrings were found near the dwellings, Dr. Pei added.

Dr. Pei said he was positive his finds, consisting mostly of white and painted pottery, dated back to the pre-Han dynasties (before 206 B.C.), and stated that this was the first time such remains have been discovered in China.

Dr. Pei left Peiping last July and in the course of his five-month excavations in Kansu province found traces of pre-Han human beings in more than 90 places, 10 of which required further excavating.

Meanwhile, the Chinese Geological Survey, in response to an appeal by Dr. Pei, is sponsoring a mission which will start excavation work in Kansu and Chinghai provinces early in spring.

The mission, which will be headed by Dr. Yang Chung-nien, well-known paleontologist and a member of the Geological Survey, will devote about half a year to preliminary investigations and excavations and about two years to research on implements and fossils discovered in those regions.

Dr. Yang said that the number of archaeologists and geologists to accompany him on his mission will depend on the amount of funds available from the Ministry of Economic Affairs. Expenses for the forthcoming trip were estimated by Dr. Yang at about US$4,000.

Dr. Yang, at a recent press interview, brought up the question of the disappearance of Peking Man. "Most unfortunately," he said, "the Peking Man remains are now nowhere to be found. In 1941—before the outbreak of the Pacific War—the United States Marine Corps in Peiping were entrusted with the task of bringing the fossils to safer areas. However while the remains of Peking Man were on their way out of Peiping the war broke out and the Marines were disarmed by the Japanese. Since then they have disappeared without any trace. On my part I have given up all hopes of recovering them."

The Peking Man—remains of man believed to date back 500,000 years—was discovered in the Chou Kou Tien caves near Peiping in 1931.

Missionaries Start To Evacuate

Hankow, Jan. 13.

The wanton slaying of two American women missionaries and a Finnish medical missionary by "bandits" 150 miles northwest of this central China city last week has set off a mass evacuation of foreign religious workers.

The movement is similar to that of 1927 when 6,000 missionaries left the interior of China to escape a wave of anti-foreign violence.

Foreign mission officials here are considering plans to remove by air about 200 members of [illegible] families from [illegible] to Shanghai by troop transport. Communist [illegible] Chou Tang [illegible] and Chen Yi.

Other missionaries in areas less immediately threatened are being urged to seek safety in Hankow.

The three missionaries slain were Mrs. Martha J. Anderson of Minneapolis, Father Victoria Odenthal of Chicago and Dr. A. [illegible] of Baltimore, attached to the Seventh-day Adventist Mission [illegible] in Hupeh Province.—Associated Press.

CARNIVAL — By Dick Turner

"I smell popcorn!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

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WHICH COSTS THE MOST?

Among all the unsound leads and plays to which some less-than-fine players are addicted, which is the most costly to them? Is it the underlead of an ace against a suit bid? Or is it the opening lead of the dummy's suit? Probably the latter. Some players who perpetrate that bridge crime, when there are no special circumstances to make it a wise move, justify it by saying they were "leading through strength." They recall an old maxim which seemed something like that. But their recollection missed the main point. The full maxim was "lead through strength and up to weakness." It applied only when you were in the seat at the right of the dummy and could see that you were leading up to weak cards, or to situations in which you read that you were leading through tenace honors up to other honors probably in your partner's hand.

S. A K Q J 9
H. 7 5 3
D. 10 5
C. 7 4 2

S. 10 7 6 4 — H. A J 8 — D. Q 6 2 — C. Q 8 3

N W E S

S. 8 5 3 2 — H. 9 6 2 — D. K J 9 — C. K 9 6

S. None
H. K Q 10 4
D. A 8 7 4 3
C. A J 10 5

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable).

South	West	North	East
1 D	Pass	1 S	Pass
2 H	Pass	2 S	Pass
3 C	Pass	3 S	Pass
3 NT			

"Wouldn't you think anybody could read from that bidding the exact distribution of South's hand—five diamonds, four hearts and four clubs?" East asked West after the deal.

"Sure I could read that," answered West, "but I hoped North's spade suit was not solid and leading it might give you a trick or two. In addition, I wanted to make South lead to me from the dummy in the other suits, as I had possible winners in them all."

A veteran kibitzer could have told West that a spade would have been the worst lead when the suit had been bid three times, but West picked it, his 4. That gave South five spade tricks to start with. He picked up two more in hearts and one each in the minors, for a game which would have been utterly impossible except with a spade lead.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. 7 6 5 2
H. 8 4
D. 8 4 3
C. A 8 7 6

S. Q 10 4 — H. A 10 6 5 — D. K J 7 — C. 5 4 2

N W E S

S. J 9 3 — H. K 7 3 2 — D. 10 6 5 2 — C. 9 3

S. A K 8
H. Q J 9
D. A Q 9
C. K Q J 10

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable).

After the heart K and A take the first two tricks and the 10 is returned, why should that card fell South how to play for his 3-No Trumps?

Western European Nations To Meet

London, Jan. 12.

General agreement has been reached between Britain and France on the reconvening of the 16-nation Conference on European economic rehabilitation, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

M. Herve Alphand, Director of Economic Affairs at the French Foreign Office, will visit the Foreign Office tomorrow and it is proposed to finalise the arrangements for a resumming of the Conference.

France and Britain, the convening powers, will issue invitations to the 14 other countries.

M. Alphand is expected to spend two or three days in Britain. He will meet his opposite number at the British Foreign Office, Sir Edmund Hall-Patch, to continue the talks they had when Sir Edmund visted Paris last week.

While Britain and France are now reliably understood to have agreed in principle that a further conference would be useful, the other 14 nations who attended the Paris Economic Conference on the Marshall offer last summer must be consulted.

Sir Edmund and M. Alphand are expected to go ahead with the detailed talks about a possible agenda.

Sir Edmund was not accompanied by experts when he went to Paris last week and consequently the discussions at that stage were general in scope.

M. Alphand, who is travelling by train ferry, will leave Paris tonight.—Reuter.

Anglo-Portuguese Agreement

LONDON, JAN. 13.

BRITAIN AND PORTUGAL HAVE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT TO ENCOURAGE MUTUAL TRADE AND MAINTAIN AN APPROXIMATE BALANCE IN PAYMENTS WITHOUT HANDING OVER GOLD, IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED TONIGHT.

During 1947 Portugal sold considerably more to Britain than she bought from Britain, and as the limit of a £15,000,000 credit had been reached, Britain would have had to pay in gold for any additional imports.

The agreement is one of the earliest in a series of agreement that Britain is negotiating with some 16 to 20 countries in a determined effort to pay her way and maintain her present standard of living.

Among the imports Britain will take are sardines, cork and port wine, as well as coffee and oil seed from the Portuguese colonies.—Reuter.

TO RESIGN

Washington, Jan. 13.

Edwin W. Pauley, whose commodity speculation has been under fire, announced last night that he expects to resign as [illegible] to Secretary of Army Kenneth Royall "soon" this month.—Associated Press.

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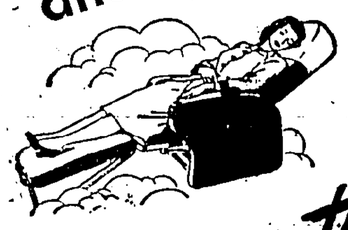

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BRITAIN ON THE MARCH

Capital And Key Men Flowing Into Australia

Unprecedented Trend Developing

Sydney, Jan. 14.

An unprecedented flow of British capital and key workers to Australia has been officially revealed.

A Government authority declared:—"The trend is now so marked that it is tantamount to moving part of the English Midlands and Scottish Lowlands out here to take advantage of the natural resources and the closeness of the Pacific and Asiatic markets."

A check with Federal and State Government authorities today shows that £50,000,000 new British capital has already been invested or set aside for industries alone here.

Further investments in food-growing and processing are expected.

The Minister of Reconstruction, Mr. Dedman, has announced that £50,000,000 has already been invested by firms for branch and auxiliary factories, "with further inquiries coming every day."

Firms such as Scottish Vactric Limited have brought their own workers.

In the Queensland Parliament Premier Hanlon has introduced a Bill granting the English Electric Supply Corporation a lease of the Blair Athol Coalmine, explaining that the company's investment there will be another £12,000,000.

There is a possibility of further British coal investments including Powell Duffryn, according to official sources.

Courtauld's

Apart from Mr. Dedman's total, British Courtaulds Rayon are building a £9,000,000 rayon factory in Australia. Courtaulds' representative, Mr. G. A. Edwards is now in Brisbane seeking a site, and says that the factory requires immediately 100 acres, with 2,000 workers, including 400 to 600 coming from Britain.

The expansion of British steel firms here is already announced, notably the construction by Lysaghts of the greatest rolling mill in the Southern Hemisphere, probably at Port Kembla, south of Sydney. The Government estimates that 30 representatives of British firms are at present touring Australia, seeking factory sites, or investigating future prospects. These include a Sheffield cutlery firm, Manchester and Sheffield engineering firms, and Scottish carpet and linoleum firms.

The Australian Government is seeking skilled shipbuilders from the Tyne and Clyde, to expand the shipyards of South Australia and New South Wales.

Inflow of British cotton and textile capital is not expected immediately, as shortage of labour is now keeping one-third of the Australian textile machinery idle.—Our Own Correspondent.

Greek M.P. Captured

Athens, Jan. 13.

A Liberal Member of Parliament, M. Lucas Kutsopetsalos, was captured by "bandits" during the weekend in a sudden raid on a village in what had been considered a "safe" area, it was learned today.

The village where he was taken was near Levadia.—Reuter.

Dissidents Warned

Sofia, Jan. 14.

Nine deputies of the Socialist opposition announced today they would refuse to approve the Government's budget as it stands, and promptly received a warning from Communist Premier Georgi Dimitrov to remember the fate of Nikola Petkov.

Petkov, Agrarian Party opposition leader, was hanged last September on charges of conspiring against the Government.—Associated Press.

Filipino Borneo Claim!

Manila, Jan. 14.

Reports from Baguio said today that the Department of Foreign Affairs is ascertaining the rights of Philippine nationals whose ancestors at one time owned North Borneo and the Puerto Rican Island of Culebra.

The reports said that negotiations with the British Government may soon be started for annexation of North Borneo, which is claimed by the Moro—Mohammedan Filipino — Sultans. They said Culebra Island was given as a Royal concession by Spain to the Escudero family, whose descendants are now Filipinos.—United Press.

Gandhi Begins New Peace Fast

NEW DELHI, JAN. 13.

MOHANDAS K. GANDHI, WHO HAS FASTED MANY TIMES TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF INDIAN INDEPENDENCE, TODAY BEGAN A FAST FOR PEACE AMONG MOSLEMS, SIKHS AND HINDUS.

His followers fear the 78 year-old "Father of Indian Freedom," still frail from an illness last autumn, is jeopardising his life.

He spurned a last minute appeal from several Moslem, Hindu and Sikh delegations to postpone the fast for 15 days to give the people a chance to restore peace.

Bombay was cast into gloom as news of the fast spread. Trading was suspended in seeds, cotton, bullion and stocks. Markets in Calcutta and Madras remained closed.

The President of the Bombay Provincial Moslem League declared the fast was a "challenge to every Hindu, Moslem and Sikh."

The Executive of the powerful Socialist group of the Congress Party called upon "every Socialist to pledge his all for realisation of communal peace and harmony and preservation of the life of the father of the nation."

The resolution said it was a "matter of deepest shame . . . that Gandhi should be compelled to take such a dire step."

Gandhi missed his first meal tonight and dispensed with his usual stroll in the garden in order to conserve his strength.

Gandhi has taken nothing but sips of clear water from a wooden spoon since he started the fast at 0530 G.M.T.

Doctors will begin careful checks on his condition on Wednesday, while limiting the amounts of water he takes. Ultimately salt and lime juice will be added to the water.—Associated Press.

London Reaction

London, Jan. 13.

Immediately the news of Mahatma Gandhi's fast in adherence of Hindu-Moslem unity was received in London, two Indian restaurant owners in the East End, one a Sikh and the other a Muslim, decided to close down for the day in sympathy.

Many Indians in London, of all social classes, cancelled their private and public engagements as a mark of respect to the Mahatma.

The Indian Workers Association of London and the Gandhi Society have sent messages to Mr. Gandhi expressing deep concern for his health but wishing him every success in his desire to establish communal harmony.—Reuter.

Demand For Huge Air Expansion

WASHINGTON, JAN. 14.

PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN'S AIR POLICY COMMISSION TODAY SAID THE US GOVERNMENT SHOULD ADD BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO ITS AIRPOWER-SPENDING TO CREATE A FORCE BY 1953 "CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH A POSSIBLE ATOMIC ATTACK."

The five man board said the air force contemplated at present would be "inadequate" even for the intervening period.

The report said it would be "hopelessly wanting" for the later period when, it assumed, "other nations will have atomic weapons in quantity and the equipment to deliver them in a sustained attack on the United States mainland."

The Commission said plans should be expanded all along the line and call for:

First:—An air force of 70 groups instead of 55 as at present blueprinted.

Second:—Double the present total of 8,500 first line combat aircraft by the end of 1949.

Third:—A US$1,300,000,000 increase to bring Air Force spending to US$4,150,000,000 for the 1948 calendar year and to US$5,550,000,000 for next year.

Fourth:—An additional US$192,000,000 above the budget estimates to modernise the Navy's air arm this year and US$310,000,000 for the same purpose in 1949.

The Commission said: "We believe that the United States will be secure in an absolute sense only if the institution of war itself is abolished under a regime of law." Meanwhile, it urged development of air power as a primary means of defence.—Associated Press.

U.S. Pacific Defences

Washington, Jan. 14.

The Senate has approved construction of certain military and naval public works projects.

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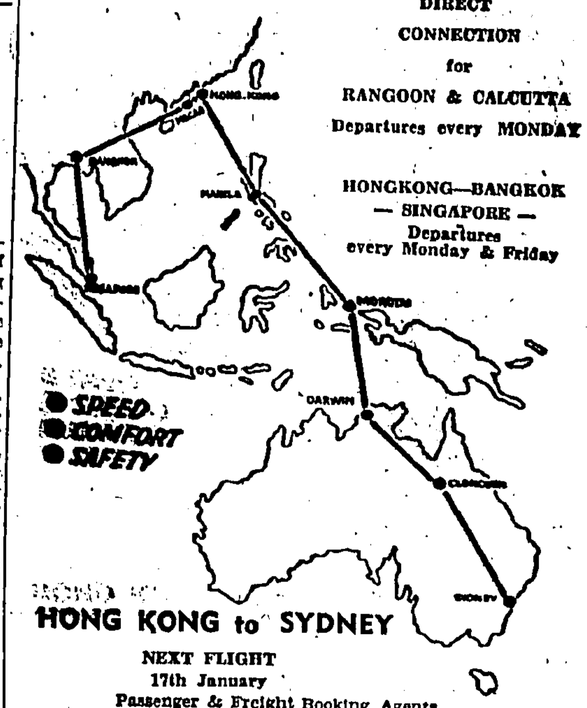

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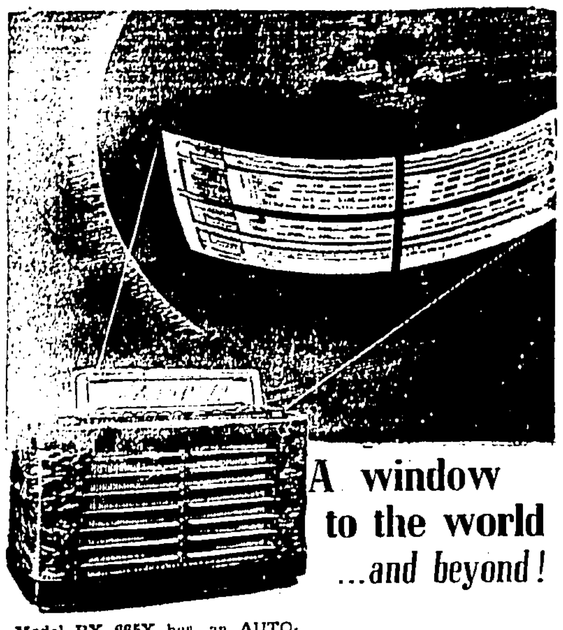

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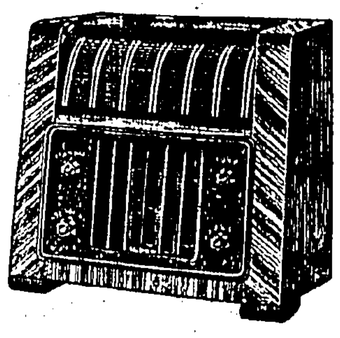

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ENGINEERING PAGE

Trying To Make Ends Meet

Story Of Zip-Fastener Goes Back To '93

There are traces, nearly a hundred years ago, of the beginnings of what was first a small business and is now a flourishing international industry. As early as 1852 records in the American Patent Office show that several men were already trying to devise mechanical means to make both ends meet, or — in other words to fasten materials by pulling together, with a wave of the hand, two opposing sides.

Lacingh and rows of hooks and eyes or buttons were the bane of 19th century clothing. Patents in the German Patent Office from 1868 onwards give evidence that inventors saw the benefits that would accrue (to themselves, no doubt, as well as to others), if these ugly and clumsy fastenings could be happily substituted.

The beginnings of the fastener business can only be surmised from these early patents. Consequently many romantic myths have grown up around them. One of the most popular is that surrounding a Mr. M. Aronsen, a Jew from Alsace, who is said to have been seen, in 1893, peddling a peculiar contraption, a zipp fastener of sorts, around the great business houses of Europe. Probably there were others with similar ideas in those days, seeking buyers for their outlandish patents, but in an era when the candle had not long given place to gas and electricity, and the horse carriage still rolled supreme along the cobbled streets, it is unlikely that many European business men would have countenanced the financing of the zipp fastener.

The Aronsen legend may owe something to the fact that there was a Mr. P. A. Aronson, a Swedish-American who was connected with the Automatic Hook and Eye Company in Hoboken, New Jersey, between 1902 and 1909. This Aronson contributed to the development of the zipp only in that, in about 1910, he promoted a French company in Paris, France, to produce the "Plako" fastener.

Aronson's factory was closed down completely in World War I and his assets purchased by a gentleman, on whose "Plako" patents Aronson had based his operations, and who—to all intents and purposes—was the father of the zipp fastener as we know it today. This was Gideon Sundback, another Swedish-American, a man of considerable foresight, great business acumen and inventive ability.

Back To '93

At this stage in the history of this remarkable little invention, however, it is necessary to return to the year 1893, when it was believed (probably erroneously) that the Alsatian Aronsen's efforts had proved stillborn. It is certain, anyway, that the bones of this, or any similar idea, mouldered in a Europe still comparatively slow to change.

In the New World, on the other hand, a native of Chicago was becoming intolerant of the time expended every morning on lacing up his boots, and was seeking an alternative and better fastening. This man, Mr. W. L. Judson, appears to be the first to have put sustained efforts and capital behind his ideas along these lines, and it was he who took out the first U.S. patents. The success of the zipp was assured when Judson became associated with Lewis Walker for the production of the invention on a commercial scale. Colonel Walker, who was until recently President of the Hookless Fastener Corporation of America, gave the zipp its public debut as "C-Curity."

Actually, although Judson blazed the trail of the zipp from 1893 to 1902 in this way, the successful culmination of his development came later. Judson's early lead has given the historians of today an opportunity to personalize in him the birth of the zipp, whereas in effect it was Sundback who designed the first satisfactory hookless fastener.

Teething

Sundback, as a young and promising engineer, was early associated with Colonel Walker and at the beginning of the present century he worked hard, behind the scenes, on the perfection of this still imperfect little gadget, travelling to Europe to examine patents and then returning to America to invent machinery for manufacture on a large scale.

It must be realised that the zipp fastener was a contraption which simply could not be allowed to fail. Its first application to ladies' skirt plackets was a case in point. The early fasteners might suddenly open of their own accord, and milady was undone. It is certain that such a victim of the zipp's caprice would be unlikely to trust herself to it again.

It was Sundback who first overcame the the teething problems of this precocious infant of invention. He so improved the zipp's design that it could not unlock when twisted. His Hookless H2, which he designed in 1913, had identical units on both sides and was the forerunner of the modern zipp as we know it now.

This was easier to manufacture than the "C-Curity." It was stronger and more flexible and it "caught on" with the public in a way the "C-Curity" had never done. For the first time the zipp was a commercial success.

The Great War in 1914 was what put the zipp really on its feet. The American Army that arrived in France in 1917 was abundantly zippered on belts, pockets and aeroplane fabrics. The era of wide-spread zippering was finally in sight.

Kynock

After the war, in 1919, Kynoch Ltd. of Great Britain saw the zipp's possibilities and bought the extra-U.S. rights. They at once set up manufacturing machinery in Birmingham but—like Walker and Sundback in America some years before—they found that this step was but the start of their troubles.

The British public, traditionally conservative and suspicious of change, had to be educated up to this "new fangled" contraption. Buttons, laces, and even string, had been good enough for other and older generations and would be good enough for them. Kynochs prepared for a long and costly struggle. A development section was installed in Birmingham where every possible line of improvement was investigated. Money was lavished on experiments and advertising. Sales were small. The first production of the zipp fastener in England was an uphill struggle.

At the end of six years, however, sales began to soar and antagonism to fade away, for the early difficulties of the zipp in England had by then been eliminated and it was almost completely dependable. In 1925 business had so grown that Kynochs—who had many other difficulties of their own—found it necessary to form a separate company for the manufacture of the zipp. This new company, which came into being at Witton, was called Lightning Fasteners Ltd. The zipp had come to Great Britain to stay.

The new model—the "Lightning"—created an immediate sensation. It was displayed at the Wembley Empire Exhibition in 1925-26, where the public was invited to test the efficiency of a sample zipp on a stand and three million persons accepted. When the last of them had run the slider up and down, the "Lightning" was still running smoothly. That historic sample is still preserved at Witton.

To The Fore

The development of the zipp fastener since then is a history of modern living. Dress designers (the house of Schiaparelli in particular) saw its potentialities, and its influence on the streamlining of our age has been astonishing. Wherever efficient windproof or rainproof closure was required, the zipp has been to the fore. Its slickness and speed are symbolic of our times.

In 1926, three weights of "Lightning" zipp were available, and also one in which the two sides could be completely separated. In 1934 a specially strengthened model was produced with a self-locking slider. In 1935 four models were marketed — feather-weight, light, heavy and extra heavy—and coloured metal was first introduced into them. A special corset fastener and a trouser fastener were designed, and the introduction of the zipp in coloured plastic form gave the famous dress designers a new and usefull ornament.

The "Lightning" B.O.E.—improved open-end box type—was produced shortly afterwards, and in 1936 it was estimated (though it was hard to be exact) that there were roughly 300 known applications of the "Lightning." Today, new applications are put before Kynoch's nearly every week.

The main headache with which Lightning Fasteners now have to contend is the inferior quality of some competitive brands. A poor quality fastener is easy and cheap to produce, and the industry has therefore attracted many people who see in it a way of making quick profits. On the other hand, the production of high-grade fasteners involves expensive plant and considerable technical knowledge and experience. A user who is let down by a bad fastener immediately damns all fasteners in general, and it is most difficult to persuade him that his true remedy lies in purchasing a reliable fastener in the first instance.

In Hospital

Meanwhile, in America, the zipp was proving no less spectacular. In Chicago, home town of Mr. Judson, a hospital patient was fitted with a zipp-fastener, after an operation, to facilitate daily internal treatment. Moreover, this experiment proved a complete success. In France, the "Lightning" had its counterpart, the "Eclair."

Since the first days, since the pioneer work of Judson and Sundback, the zipp has indeed gone far. It even flew over Everest, fitted to the fuselage of the Houston expedition 'Planes, and into the stratosphere on inspection vents and covers.

Many of us may, at one time or another, have cursed the zipp for its frailties, but we still meet it every day and it serves us more unobtrusively and faithfully than ever—on our clothes and luggage and in a multitude of ways we do not even notice now. It is indeed ubiquitous, a device and an adornment of our age.

Exhibition Of Tools

An important exhibition of precision tools and gauges is to be held in London in January, 1948. Organised by the Gauge and Tool Makers Association in cooperation with the National Federation of Engineers and Tool Manufacturers, it will cover a wide range of gauges, measuring equipment, special tools, special purpose machines, and engineers' cutting tools.

Many thousands of overseas buyers are being invited to attend the exhibition at which interpreter services will be available.

The decision to hold the coming fair is based in part on the unqualified success of the 1946 exhibition, which was, incidentally, the first trade fair to be held in London since the end of the war.

The exhibition will be held at the New Hall, Vincent Square, Westminster, from January 26 to February 6.

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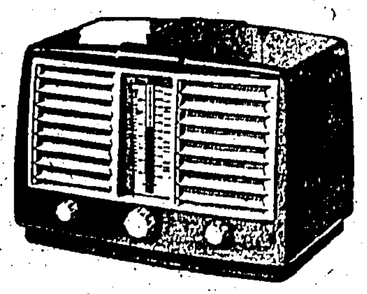

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FRENCH ASSEMBLY CLASH

Fifty Right-Wing Deputies Stage A Walk-Out

M. Herriot Again President

Paris, Jan. 13.

M. Edouard Herriot, the Radical leader, was today re-elected President of the French National Assembly. Three hundred and seventeen deputies voted for him while 174 votes went to the only other candidate, a Communist, M. Raoul Calas.

M. Calas, who was sentenced to death during the German occupation and escaped, was expelled from the Assembly for 30 days on December 1 last by M. Herriot.

The incident took place during the stormy debate on the anti-sabotage bill. When M. Herriot announced the expulsion of M. Calas, he refused to leave the tribune. He stayed all night with a bodyguard of Communist members supplying him with sandwiches and white wine until he left on a summons from the Republican guard at dawn.

The Assembly adjourned after the results were announced and various Parliamentary groups met to nominate candidates for the Vice-Presidencies and other offices.

In the Council of the Republic, M. Gaston Monnerville, Radical Member for French Guiana, was re-elected President. He polled 194 votes against 75 for his nearest rival, M. Georges, a Communist.

The Parliamentary group leaders in the Assembly decided by eight votes to two, on the following list of Vice-Presidents to be voted on later tonight by the Assembly:

First Vice-President—M. Max Lejeune, Socialist. Second—M. Germain Peyrolles, the Popular Republican. Third—M. Jacques Duclos, Communist. Fourth—Mme Madeleine Braun. Fifth—M. Fernand Boxom, the Popular Republican. Sixth—M. Marcel Roclore, Independent Conservative.

Under an inter-party agreement made a year ago, the largest party, the Communists, were to provide the First Vice-President of the National Assembly, who constitutionally would become acting Prime Minister should Parliament be dissolved and the President of the Assembly be prevented for any reason from fulfilling this function.

Today's list of candidates, as was anticipated, breaks this agreement and proposes a Socialist as First Vice-President.

Communist Resentful

But it takes party strength into account by giving the Communists and the Popular Republicans two representatives each.

M. Jacques Duclos, the Parliamentary leader of the Communist Party, then stated in the lobbies that his party would refuse to hold office in the Assembly in protest against the relegation of the Communists from first to third place among the Vice-Presidents.

This statement would, it was thought, raise a constitutional issue, since Article 11 of France's new Constitution stipulates that the Assembly Bureau must be representative of each party on a proportional basis.

The list of Vice-Presidents, as selected, fulfilled this requirement but if the Communists were to carry out their intention not to be represented lobby observers feared a deadlock.

Scene In Assembly

Fifty Right Wing deputies walked out of the Assembly in protest today when M. Marcel Cachin, 86-year-old Communist leader, the first Communist ever to sit in the Senate, made a fighting pro-Communist speech instead of the customary non-controversial address in opening the session.

The Communists stood and applauded while shouts of indignation came from the centre.

Demanding an end to the fighting in Indo-China, M. Cachin was greeted with tumult and a shout from M. Olivier de Sesmaisons, a Right Wing deputy: "You say that, M. Cachin, to a father who lost his son ten days ago in Indo-China."

The 50 Right Wing deputies then walked out.

M. Cachin reproached the Government of M. Robert Schuman with "not following the example of Britain by resuming trade relations with the Soviet Union."

Without specifically mentioning the Marshall Plan he said: "There is a desire to make us submit to foreign interference under the guise of inspection and checking."—Reuter.

Deals Of President's Physician

WASHINGTON, JAN. 13.

BRIGADIER - GENERAL WALLACE H. GRAHAM, PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S PERSONAL PHYSICIAN, TESTIFIED BEFORE THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE HERE TODAY THAT HE HAD BOUGHT COTTON BUT NO WHEAT AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S OCTOBER CRITICISM OF COMMODITY MARKET SPECULATORS, AND DECLARED HE HAD LOST $4,847 ON HIS TRADING OF ALL KINDS.

Brigadier Graham said that he "assumed that the criticism the President made was of the buying of wheat or grain."

"I did not think he criticised the buying of cotton, for instance, and when the broker recommended cotton of course I said to go ahead," he added.

During a previous appearance before the committee Brigadier Graham said he sold out after the President had publicly condemned market "gamblers," but this testimony was later challenged by Mr. Harold Stassen, former Governor of Minnesota.—Reuter.

RANGOON HUNGER STRIKE

Rangoon, Jan. 14.

Armed police and radio-equipped vans surrounded Rangoon's central jail today to put down a hunger strike by convicts demanding immediate release.

Officials said 1,300 convicts had been striking since Sunday because of the "inadequacy" of the amnesty granted by the Government to other than political prisoners, and continued to refuse food. Thirty seven leaders of the strike were put in solitary confinement.

It was stated unofficially that 2,041 prisoners were released under the amnesty since January 4, 1948. —Associated Press.

Martial Law Lifted

Teheran, Jan. 13.

Martial law, in force in Teheran since August, 1941, was lifted today.

Under the wartime regulations people have been imprisoned without trial and newspapers suppressed.

Political meetings have been banned, apart from political parties, clubs and the assembly of workers inside factories.

A curfew has accompanied the martial law but this had been lifted or eased from time to time. —Reuter.

French Meat Rationing

Paris, Jan. 13.

An Agriculture Ministry spokesman has announced that meat rationing will be resumed in large French cities on February 15. About 15,000,000 persons will be affected. Each person will be allowed seven ounces of meat weekly.

The average consumption has been about 18 ounces weekly since rationing was suspended last June.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN'S PACT WITH PORTUGAL

London, Jan. 13.

The Treasury today corrected to £5,000,000 the figure of £15,000,000 which it gave yesterday as sterling balances of the Bank of Portugal in its announcement of the new Anglo-Portuguese monetary agreement.

As this amount — fixed as a maximum by a previous agreement — had been reached because Portuguese exports to Britain had exceeded her imports from Britain, further consignments would have to be paid for in gold. The new agreement seeks to make this unnecessary, however, by balancing imports and exports.—Reuter.

NANKING BID FOR ECONOMY

Nanking, Jan. 14.

The Executive Yuan today decided to slash the appropriations of all Government departments in the new budget, to force them to retrench office staffs.

The appropriations will be slashed by ten per cent, with the beginning of January. Expenditures for new projects are not exempted.—United Press.

Shanghai Coup By Police

Shanghai, Jan. 14.

The first instalment of gold bars and foreign currencies seized from black marketeers since the inauguration of the Finance Control Bureau here has been handed to the Central Bank of China, according to semi-official Chinese reports.

This includes US$15,000 in foreign currencies and 1,200 ounces of gold in bars.

It is reported that 32 black-market gold and foreign exchange dealers have been taken into custody by the authorities since last Friday.

The "China Press" said today that, as a preliminary step towards the rounding up of clandestine dealers in gold and foreign currencies, the Bureau of Statistics and Investigation established a firm to sell gold and United States notes to brokers and speculators.

This organisation supplied the Police Bureau with a list of its customers and the amount of United States dollars and goldbars transacted.

The newspaper said the arrests were entirely based on this roster.—Reuter.

Mediation Offer

Damascus, Jan. 13.

The Arab League Council decided tonight to send a note to both the Indian and Pakistan Government offering mediation in their dispute regarding Kashmir.

This decision has been taken after consultations between members of the Arab League countries, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt and Iraq.

These countries, as members of the United Nations, are prepared to intervene to end the dispute.—Reuter.

Marshall Aid Plan Discussions

WASHINGTON, JAN. 13.

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND BRITAIN SEEKING AID FROM THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE MARSHALL PLAN WILL GET NO MORE PETROL THAN THEY NEED FOR ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES, MR. JULIUS KRUG, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, SAID TO-DAY.

Giving evidence before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee conducting hearings on the European recovery plan, Mr. Krug gave an assurance of the continuance of the drastic controls over oil products in the Marshall Plan countries for the duration of the programme.

Mr. Krug said that shipments to Europe from the United States during the early part of the recovery programme were not expected to exceed two or three per cent of available United States supplies and would even become smaller thereafter.

He spoke wholeheartedly of the European recovery programme.

Before the same Committee, Mr. Clinton Anderson, the Secretary of Agriculture, said today, when he gave evidence before it, that the United States had no practical alternative but to carry through the programme of European recovery of the magnitude proposed by the Administration.

"Not only will this programme be of long-time economic benefit to the United States, but we can carry it through," he said.

"In the final analysis, the question at stake is the establishment of an enduring peace. I know of no greater contribution which the United States could make, towards that goal than this proposed programme to help the freedom loving nations of Europe in their struggle to help themselves."

Internal Control

If food rationing or price control became necessary in the United States, the European recovery programme could not be held responsible. Mr. Anderson made clear when the effect of the proposed programme on the domestic consumer situation was questioned.

He pointed out, for example, that for the next two years all the Western European meat needs would be met entirely from sources other than the United States.

The United States might supply some meat during the second half of the programme, but practically all Western Europe's meat imports in any period would come from Canada and the nations of the Southern Hemisphere.

Mr. Anderson said the Marshall Plan should have no influence on wheat prices.—Reuter.

TIN SUPPLIES

Washington, Jan. 13.

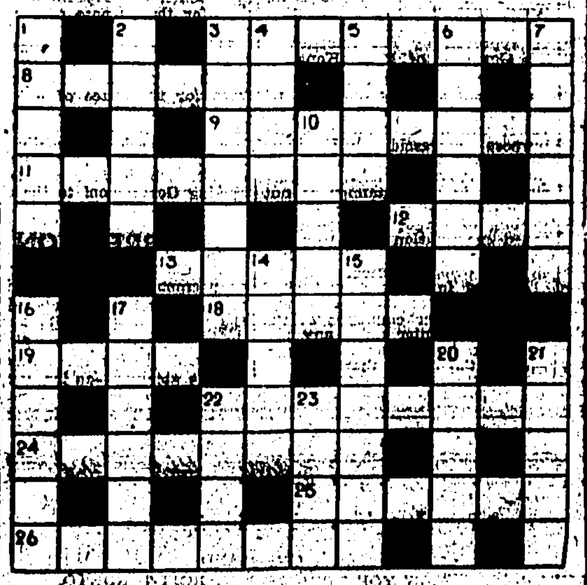
The Combined (International) Tin Committee announced today interim allocations of 17,703 long tons for the first half of 1948.

Total supplies of tin metal available for allocation during 1948's first half will fall short of 1947's last half, mainly because all the wartime stock-accumulations found in the Far East have now been distributed.—Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 13.

The United States Ambassador to India, Mr. Henry Grady, conferred with President Truman for over half an hour today before leaving to take up his post in India.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1 Interfering. 3 Execute. 9 Frightened. 11 Telephonist. 12 Fairy. 13 Heavenly body. 15 Vexed. 19 Egress. 22 Stayed, behind. 24 Chinese notability. 25 Tried hard. 26 Unwearying.

Clues Down

1 Monastic head. 2 Hurled. 3 Bullfighter. 4 Revise. 5 Portal. 6 Smoothed out. 7 Small talk. 10 Pattern. 14 Skinflint. 15 Occupants. 16 Allow. 17 Meal. 20 Initiate. 21 Loafer. 22 Link. 23 Hall, to Brit.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—1 Engarde, 7 Tiny, 8 Sighted, 10 Child, 13 Friends, 15 Mirth, 17 Endgame, 18 Endwise, 20 Eats, 21 Idols, 24 Aimed, 27 Parsley, 28 Twice, 29 Elements.

Down—1 Stick, 2 Skate, 3 Eyrie, 4 Eben, 5 Digest, 6 Reaped, 9 Indeed, 11 Brine, 12 Actor, 14 Raider, 22 Mimic, 23 Twist, 25 Tiers, 26 Shoe, 27 Pace, 28 Tent, 29 Apse.

Peninsular & Oriental STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"TREVETHOE"	U.K. via Straits	15th Jan.
"EMPIRE BRENT"	U.K.	21st Jan.
"TEHVETHOE"	Shanghai	27th Jan.
"CASTLEDORE"	Bombay	5th Feb.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	16th Feb.
"DILWARA"	U.K.	27th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits	28th Feb.
"TRESILLIAN"	U.K.	10th Mar.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	11th March

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"TREVETHOE"	Shanghai	20th Jan.
"EMPIRE BRENT"	Shanghai	22nd Jan.
"TREVETHOE"	U.K. via Straits	29th Jan.
"CASTLEDORE"	Shanghai	9th Feb.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	23rd Feb.
"DILWARA"	U.K.	29th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	2nd Mar.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits & Continent	13th Mar.
"TRESILLIAN"	Shanghai	14th Mar.

British India STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"ORMARA"	Shanghai	21st Jan.
"OZARDA"	Shanghai	29th Jan.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"OZARDA"	Shanghai	15th Jan.
"ORMARA"	Bombay via Straits	23rd Jan.

APCAR LINE

ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"SANGOLA"	Shanghai & Amoy	14th Jan.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"SANGOLA" *	Calcutta via Straits Rangoon & Madras	16th Jan.

* Has Refrigerated Cargo Space.

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All-German Currency Reform: Test Case

BERLIN, JAN. 13.

AN ALL-GERMAN CURRENCY REFORM WILL BE PROPOSED BY THE BRITISH AND UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES NEXT TUESDAY AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ALLIED CONTROL COUNCIL SINCE THE FRANKFURT DECISIONS TO STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMY OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN ZONES.

Reliable sources believe that the Control Council meeting will see "one final attempt" to solve the currency problem on a four-power basis, as promised in Frankfurt by General Lucius D. Clay, the United States Military Governor.

When General Clay made his promise, he said what amounted to a warning to Russia that unless some satisfactory basis for a discussion could be reached, Britain and America might be forced to introduce a two-power legislation for a reformed currency in the Western Zones.

Observers here were inclined to think that the Western powers' proposals might not meet with flat refusal on the part of the Russian delegates and that it might be possible at least to open discussions between the four powers.

There was no confirmation in Berlin tonight of reports that Russia would herself propose at the Control Council meeting the formation of a Central German Bank, and that the Russian representatives are not entrusted.—United Press.

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"TJIBADAK"	Macassar & Javaports. 16th Jan.	Batavia, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar 24th Jan.
"TJISADANE"	Java ports Macassar and Manila 17th January Sailing for Amoy & Manila	Batavia, Semarang, Macassar & Soerabaya 31st January.

ORIENT-JAVA-AFRICA LINE
SOUTH-ATLANTIC LINE

	Due from	Loading for
TEGELBERG	South America South Africa 22nd Jan. Sailing for Shanghai 5th Feb.	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, Lourenco Marques, Beira, Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, Mosselbay, Capetown, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Santos, Rio de Janeiro. 12th Feb. Sailing 14th Feb.

Transhipment cargo on through bill of lading accepted for Dar-Es-Salaam, Mombasa & Zanzibar.

"STRAAT SOENDA"	South America, South Africa 25th Jan.	Shanghai, Yokohama 27th Jan.
RUYS	South America South Africa 29th Jan.	South Africa South America 10th March

DELI-STRAITS-CHINA LINE

	Due from	Sailing for
"VAN HEUTSZ"	Belawan Deli, Penang, Singapore 18th Jan. Sailing for Swatow & Amoy	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli 27th Jan.

Agents HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

"LEOPOLDSKERK"	Due from Japan & Shanghai, 10th Feb.	Loading for Manila/Singapore/Colombo/Port Said/Alexandria, Genoa/Marseilles/Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Gothenburg/Oslo, 11th Feb.
"MOLENKERK"	Europe on or about 18th Jan. Sailing for Shanghai & Japan	Manila/Singapore/Colombo/Port Said/Alexandria Genoa/Marseilles/Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Gothenburg/Oslo on or about 20th Feb.
"ALPHERAT"	In Port	Manila/Singapore Colombo/Port Said/Alexandria/Genoa/Marseilles/Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Gothenburg/Oslo early March.

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"HENDONHALL"	Due from U.S. Atlantic ports, late February	Sailing for U.S. Atlantic Coast Ports via Singapore and Suez.

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Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	Late Jan.	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"
	Early Feb.	m.v. "MINDORO"

ARRIVALS

From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	22nd Jan.	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
	28th Jan.	s.s. "DONA AURORA"
	Late Feb.	m.v. "DONA NATI"

SAILINGS

For	Date	Vessel
San Francisco & Los Angeles	23rd Jan.	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	1st Feb.	s.s. "DONA AURORA"
	Late Feb.	m.v. "DONA NATI"

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ANTI-SMUGGLING PACT BEFORE LEG. COUNCIL

Special Exemption Of Air Freight

The text of the agreement between the Chinese Maritimes Customs and the Hong Kong Government concerning the prevention of smuggling, finalised in Nanking on Tuesday by an exchange of Notes, was laid on the table in Legislative Council yesterday.

The agreement reads:—

The Government of Hong Kong will submit to the Legislative Council of Hong Kong legislation the objects of which shall be to restrict the loading of goods intended to be exported to China as follows:—

(a) Loading of vessels of 200 net registered tons and upwards shall be restricted to any point within the Port of Victoria;

(b) Loading of vessels of less than 200 net registered tons shall be restricted to either the Junk Anchorage at West Point such portion of the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter as the Harbour Master of the said Colony may direct, or the Port of Taipo.

(c) Anything hereinbefore contained in this paragraph notwithstanding the Harbour Master in his discretion shall have the right to permit any vessel to load elsewhere in the waters of the Colony and in any case in which such permission is given he shall as soon as may be so inform the Customs.

The Chinese Maritime Customs shall be at liberty to establish within the Colony of Hong Kong centres at which customs duty, which would, upon importation into China of any commodity, become payable to the Customs, may be paid, or assessed in advance, in respect of commodities about to be exported to China.

Option

Payment or assessment of Chinese Duty at any centre so established shall be entirely at the option of the intended exporter of the goods concerned and the Customs will take every care to ensure that this fact is known to any such intended exporter.

The Customs will supply any person so paying Chinese Duty in Hong Kong with such documents and will take such action within its own organisation as will ensure that the goods concerned are released with a minimum of delay upon arrival at their port of destination in China.

The Customs will be at liberty to establish inspection centres as provided in this paragraph in such premises as it may be able to arrange adjacent to the Shelter and Anchorage mentioned in subparagraph (b) of paragraph 1, and at such centres and at such other centres as may be agreed to inspect goods in respect of which the exporter proposes to pay or has requested the assessment of Chinese Duty in Hong Kong.

The Customs shall be at liberty to maintain, for the purpose only of checking the loading of goods in respect of which Chinese Duty has been paid or assessed in Hong Kong, a staff of checkers at the Shelter and Anchorage aforesaid, which shall not, without the prior permission in writing of His Excellency the Governor, Hong Kong, exceed a total of 40 persons together with a reasonable number of foreman as may be approved by His Excellency, the Governor of Hong Kong.

In addition the Customs may maintain, for the purpose of checking loading into vessels of 200 nett registered tons and upwards of goods in respect of which the Chinese Duty has been paid, or assessed in Hong Kong, such reasonable number of checkers and foremen as may be approved by His Excellency, the Governor of Hong Kong.

Boarding Parties

Checkers and foremen will be at liberty to go on board any vessel where necessary for the purpose aforesaid but their duties shall be in the nature of tallying only and shall be carried out in such manner as not to interfere with or hinder the loading of cargo; and more detailed examination must be made in the Customs' centres when duty is being assessed.

Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as authorizing any officer or other employee of the Customs to enter upon any private premises without the consent of the owner thereof.

The Government will instruct the Harbour Master to assist the Customs as far as possible by refusing clearance of vessels from Hong Kong for any port in China save those ports on a list to be agreed but such instructions shall be discretionary only and may be varied or revoked at any time either generally or in specific instances.

Where sufficient evidence is forthcoming that vessels which were cleared from Hong Kong for a port in China failed without sufficient justification to proceed to such port, proceedings for a penalty will be normally instituted when such vessel returns to Hong Kong.

Patrols

The Government grants the Customs liberty to enter upon and patrol and therein to stop any vessel for the purpose of examining her paper; if it is found that any such vessel which is carrying cargo has not been duly cleared from a port in Hong Kong the Customs shall, unless such vessel is allowed to proceed on her voyage, place such vessel in the custody of the nearest or most convenient Hong Kong authority.

Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to impose upon Government any liability to concede to the Customs any right of search, confiscation, detention or fine or any right which it would be a breach of International law for the Government to concede or the Customs to exercise.

The Government will consider what measures may be practicable for directing that export of goods from the Colony to China across land frontier shall take place only at *Sha Tau Kok* at a point opposite *Ling Tong*, at the point where the Kowloon-Canton Road crosses the frontier and at Lowu railway bridge and at any other points which may be agreed upon and towards hindrance or prevention of exports at other points on such frontiers.

Air Freight

Nothing in these provisions shall apply to goods which are intended to be exported to China by Air; no officer shall be stationed by the Customs at Kai Tak Aerodrome and the officer at present stationed there shall be withdrawn.

Customs arrangements in respect of goods being transported on the Kowloon-Canton railway shall as heretofore be the subject of agreement between the Government and the Ministry of Communications of the Republic of China but payment in Hong Kong of duty due to the Customs shall by the terms of any such agreement remain optional except insofar as assistance may lawfully be given to the Customs by virtue of any Ordinance, rules or other laws relating to the said Railway for the time being in force in the Colony of Hong Kong, or by contractual stipulation.

During the continuance of this agreement the person from time to time appointed to the office of Commissioner of the Chinese Maritime Customs in Hong Kong (and also all Departmental Commissioners in Hong Kong) shall be of British Nationality and shall be persons acceptable to the Government.

In this agreement the word "vessel" shall include junks, lighters, boats and craft of any kind which are capable of being used for the purpose of carrying cargo.

This agreement shall come into force at a date not later than 20th January, 1948, and shall remain in force for the space of one year from the commencement thereof. Thereafter it shall continue in force until 3 calendar months after the written notice of termination shall have been given by one contracting Government to the other.

CORRECTION

In connection with the announcement of the final dividend of £3 per share declared by the H.K. and S. Bank, the carry forward amount is $8,800,000—not the same figures in pounds sterling—as inadvertently stated yesterday.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

More buying rates appeared on the Board today, but Buyers are evidently looking out for bargains, Sellers not being too accommodating the turnover was small.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS
4½ Loan 106n.
3½% Loan 101n.

BANKS
H.K. & S. Bank 2020b, 2025/40sa.
" (Lon. Reg.) £120½n.
Chartered Bank £11 9/16n.
Mercantile Bk. A. & B. £21⅝n.
Bank of East Asia 130n.

INSURANCES
Canton Ins. 860b.
Union Ins. 780n.
China Underwriters 6.60n.
H.K. Fire Ins. 300n.

SHIPPING
Douglases 260n.
H.K. & M. Steamboats 15b.
Indo Chinas (Pref.) 100n.
Indo Chinas (Def.) 300n.
Shells (Bearer) 75/8n.
U. Waterboats (Old) 47b.
U. Waterboats (New) 44½n.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
H.K. & K. Wharves (Old) 158sa.
" (N) (F.Pd) 148n.
" (N) (P. Pd) 95n.
H.K. Docks 33⅛b, 34½a.
China Providents 28sa.
S'hai Dockyards 20b, 22sa.

MINING
Raub Mines 5½b.
H.K. Mines .025b.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H. & S. Hotels 24s, 23½sa.
H.K. Lands (Old) 81s.
H.K. Lands (New) 75b, 80s.
S'hai Lands 5⅛b, 6⅛s.
Humphreys Estates 29⅛n.
H.K. Realties 18n.
Chinese Estates 386n.

PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways 28⅛b, 24s, 29⅝sa.
Peak Trams (Old) 17n.
Peak Trams (New) 9n.
Star Ferries 123b.
Yaumati Ferries 20b.
C. Lights (Old) 20b, 20½s, 20¼sa.
C. Lights (New) 15b, 15¼sa.
H.K. Electrics (Old) 50½b, 51½s, 51½/51sa.
H.K. Electrics (New) 49n.
Macao Electrics 24s.
Sandakan Lights 10n.
Telephones (Old) 40s.
Telephones (New) 38¼n.

INDUSTRIALS
Cald. Macs. (Ord.) 20b.
Cald. Macs. (Pref.) 7n.
Cements (Old) 81b, 31sa.
Cements (New) 30n.
H.K. Ropes 20n.

STORES &c.
Dairy Farms (X. Rts.) 62s.
Dairy Farms Rights 41½s.
Watsons 69½b.
Lane, Crawfords 53b, 55s, 54sa.
Sincerps 8.80n.
China Emporium 12.80n.
Sun Co., Ltd. 5¼n.
Kwong Sang Hong 200b.
Wing On (H.K.) 180n.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 12¼n.

MISCELLANEOUS
China Entertainments 35½n.
H.K. Constructions (Old) 5¾b.
H.K. Constructions (New) 5n.
Vibro Piling 6½n.
Marsman Investments 13/3n.
Marsman, (H.K.) $1.30b.

COTTONS
Ewos 15½b.

Money Market

Gold opened yesterday at $313 and and closed at $309.50 a tael. The rate was constantly on the move and fluctuations ranged from $308.50 to $316.25.

Piastres eased off from the previous day. Opening at $11.60 a 100, the rate went down to $11.45 but rallied to $11.65 at the close.

Chinese National Currency was again on the decline. Futures opened at 31 cents and closed at 30⅝ cents for CN$10,000. Spot was quoted nominal at 34½ cents without buyers.

Ticals recovered to $25.70 a 100. NEI Guilders on the other hand dropped to $26.60 a 100.

U. S. dollars were unchanged at $4,92½, and so were Sterling at $13.40 and Australian pounds at $12.51.

U.S. STOCK SPLIT RUMOUR DOUBTED

New York, Jan. 13.

Brokers generally do not believe the rumoured United States Steel common stock split.

Mr. Walter P. Reuther, President of the United Automobile Workers Committee of Industrial Organisations last night asserted that the United States is now on the road leading to a depression by 1952 and then 14,000,000 unemployed, unless industry drops "its selfish policy" of linking profits with scarcity.—Reuter.

London Stock Exchange

London, Jan. 13.

With today the last of the present account, operators were inclined to hold off and the market subsequently drifted lower. Firmness, however, was displayed by motor shares, with Standards 2/3 higher at 26/9, following the announcement of a contract to supply tractors to America.

Other sections in industrials were initially marked down a few pence but towards the close a harder tendency was apparent with breweries singled out for support.

Gilteedged experienced a smaller turnover and movements were occasionally easier, Consol 2½ were ⅛ lower at 82-⅛.

Shipping shares registered a slight fall on news of a cut in future steel allocations.

Oils, after a dull start, recovered and closed around the previous levels; business in this section not very large.

The mining section showed a small steady demand in coppers.—Reuter.

BANKS:	
Chartered Bank	11-9/16
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank	120-½
Mercantile Bank	21-⅝
MINING SHARES:	
Consol. Goldfields of S. America	70/-
Consol. Tin Mines of Burma	2/6
Indian Copper Corporation	4/10½
New Union Goldfields	7/3
Orange Free States Trust	69/1½
West Rand Invest. Trust	87/6
Free States Developments	33/9
Rooderand	15/10½
Cons Main Reef	39/1½
Saint Helenas	60/-
De La Rue, ord.	45/6
OILS:	
British Burma Petroleum	4/7½
SECURITIES:	
British Consols, 1965/75	82-¾
Conversion Loan, 3½%, 1961	108-⅛
Funding Loan, 1968/90	113-¼
War Loan, 3½%, 1952	103-⅝
War Loan, 3%	103-¼
Victory Bonds, 4%	115-¼
INDUSTRIALS:	
Associated Portland Cement Co.	69/3
British America Tobacco Co. ord.	8-9/32
British Celanese ord.	24/4½
Carreras Ltd, "A" ord.	6-½
J. & P. Coats, ord.	67/7½
Courtaulds, ord.	48/-
Distillers Co. ord.	80/-
Dunlop Rubber Co. ord.	75/6
Electric & Musical Indust. ord.	18/6⅛
Fine Cotton Spinners & Doublers Associated.	32/-
Vickers Ltd. ord.	28/1½

—Reuter.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Jan. 14.

Oils led stocks downward. Virtually all departments suffered sizeable declines. 950,000 shares were traded. Professionals trimmed their accounts. Oils exhibited early weakness as talk was heard of new financing for some important petroleum corporations.

Dow Jones Averages:—Stock 64.00 20 Industrials 177.40, 15 Rails 51.52, 10 Utilities 33.40.

Closing quotations:—Adams Express 16¾, Alaska Juneau 3¾, American Can 79, American Smelting 53¾, American Telephone 151⅝, American Tobacco 68, American Waterworks 7⅞, Anaconda Copper 33⅝, Aviation Corp. 4⅞, Baldwin Locomotive 14½, Barnadall 34¼, Bendix Aviation 28, Bethlehem Steel 99¼, Boeing Aircraft 23⅝, Borden Co. 40⅝, Canadian Pacific 11½, J. I. Case 41, Chrysler 60½, Colgate 44½, Commercial Solvent 22⅞, Corn Products 65, Dupont 191, Eastman Kodak 48⅝, Electric Light & Power 16⅜, General Electric 36⅝, General Motors 58⅜, Goodrich 55¼, Goodyear 42⅝, Homestake Mining 38⅞, International Harvester 90, International Paper 51, International Tel & Tel 12⅞, Johns Manville 40¼, Kennecott Copper 47⅝, Montgomery Ward 51¾, National Distillers 20, National Lead 32⅝, New York Central 14¼, Packard Motors 4⅝, Pan American Airways 9, Pennsylvania RR 18, Radio Corp. 9, Republic Steel 28⅝, Reynolds Tobacco 40⅝, Schenley 28½, Sears Roebuck 35⅝, Shell Oil 33¼, Socony Vacuum 16⅝, Southern Pacific 46⅝, Standard Brands 27⅛, Standard Oil of Calif. 59⅝, Standard Oil of N. J. 74⅝, Studebaker 20½, Union Bag 31¼, Union Carbide 99, US Rubber 48, US Steel 75⅝, US Lines 19⅝, Westinghouse 28⅜, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 75, Gen. Pub. Utilities 18¼.—Associated Press.

SILVER & GOLD MARKETS

London:—
Silver, Spot, per fine ounce 45d; Forward, 44-⅝d.
Bar Gold, per fine ounce 172/1.
New York:—
Silver, Bar (asked price) 74-⅝cts.
Bar Gold, per fine ounce (official) $35; (N.Y. Unofficial) $ unquoted.
Bombay:—Market closed.
Buenos Aires:—
Sovereign, buyers 66.50 sellers 67.50; U.S. Eagles, 124.80b, 127.00s; Gold, Bar, Gramme, 6.10b, 6.30s.
Bangkok:—
Gold, Bar, per bahweight of 15.244 Grammes 468 ticals 488 ticals.
Exchange Rates (selling).
Alexandria:—
Gold, per "dirrhem" 163 piastres, Egyptian pound 500 piastres, Sovereign 550 piastres, Turkey pound 550 piastres, Napoleon 545 piastres, Dollars (piece de cinq) 500 piastres, Silver (piastres) per Kilogram 340 piastres.

N. Y. RUBBER

New York, Jan. 14.

Rubber closed 55 to 69 lower. Sales were 190 contracts. March 22.05 bid, May 20.65, July 20.80, September 19.75. No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 22 nominal.—Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 14.

The first spot sale of 1948 crop rubber was reported at 5.70 cents a pound. This compared with 6.32 that government has been charging on its remaining stockpile of 1947 crop sugar.—Associated Press.

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"NEWCHWANG"	Inchon & Pusan	4 p.m.	15th Jan.
"ANHUI"	Amoy, Swa' Saigon & Singapore	10 a.m.	17th Jan.*
"HUNAN"	Foochow, Shanghai & Tientsin	5 p.m.	17th Jan.*
"FUKIEN"	Yokohama & Kobe	4 p.m.	21st Jan.
"HANYANG"	Shanghai	4 p.m.	24th Jan.

* Sails from Custodian Wharf

ARRIVALS FROM

"FUKIEN"	Java & S'pore	7 a.m. 18th Jan.
"TSINAN"	Swatow	a.m. 18th Jan.
"HANYANG"	Shanghai	22nd/23rd Jan.

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"FATSHAN"	Arrives	10 a.m. 15th Jan.
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	Sails	5 p.m. 20th Jan.

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Arrivals from

"MENELAUS"	U.K. via Straits	25th Jan.
"TANTALUS"	—" —	26th Jan.
"AGAPENOR"	—" —	28th Jan.

Sailings to

"ADRASTUS"	Liverpool via Port Said	28th Jan.
"MENELAUS"	Genoa via Port Said	31st Jan.
"PRIAM"	Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool and Glasgow via Port Said	Early Feb.

NEW YORK SERVICE

Arrivals from

"PRIAM"	U.S.A. via Manila and Shanghai	8th Feb.

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Arrivals from

"YUNNAN"	Australia via Manila	23rd Jan.

Sailings To

"YUNNAN"	Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	31st Jan.

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ARRIVALS FROM

Foole via Bangkok:
Jan. 16, BOAC (Capt. Burnett), 2.10 p.m.
Singapore via Bangkok:
Jan. 16, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.
Jan. 21, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.
Manila:
Jan. 16, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.
Jan. 17, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.
Jan. 20, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.
Jan. 22, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.
Shanghai:
Daily, CNAC (DC4), 10.45 a.m.
Jan. 16, HK Airways (Capt. Varley), 3 p.m.
San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai):
Jan. 15, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.
San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila):
Jan. 17, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.
Canton:
Daily, H.K. Airways, 10.50 a.m. and 5.20 p.m.
Saigon:
Jan. 16, Air France, 2 p.m.

DEPARTURES TO

Singapore:
Jan. 16, BOAC (Capt. Easton), 7.30 a.m.
Singapore via Bangkok:
Jan. 16, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.
Jan. 19, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.
Jan. 23, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.
Manila:
Jan. 15, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.
Jan. 17, Cathay Pacific, 3 p.m.
Jan. 19, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.
Jan. 21, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai:
Daily, CNAC (DC4) 11.45 a.m.
Jan. 16, HK Airways, (Capt. Varley), 10 a.m.
San Francisco (via Manila, Guam, Wake, Honolulu):
Jan. 15, Pan-American, 8 a.m.
San Francisco (via Shanghai, Okinawa, Guam, Wake, Honolulu):
Jan. 16, Pan-American 10 a.m.
Canton:
Daily, H.K. Airways, 8.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sydney via Manila, Darwin:
Jan. 17, Cathay Pacific, 3 p.m.

P.O. SHIPPING

By the end of the summer the P. & O. Company expected to have six more passenger liners back in regular service. They are the "Mooltan," "Malaja," "Ranchi," "Chitral," "Carthage" and "Corfu."

These will be in addition to the "Stratheden" and "Canton" which are now running on the United Kingdom-India-Australia and United Kingdom-India-Far East services respectively, and the "Strathaid," which will leave London for Australia on January 22 on her first post-war voyage as a reconditioned passenger liner.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

s.s. "Pioneer Sea", arriving from the Philippines on Jan. 15, will proceed to Buoy A.9 for cargo operations. She will sail for New York via Shanghai the following day.

s.s. "Spitfire", arriving from Kobe on Jan. 16, will proceed to Laichikok for bunkering thence move to a Central Buoy for cargo work. She will sail for New York via Shanghai on Jan. 20.

m.s. "Surprise", arriving from Manila on Jan. 16, will proceed to a Central Buoy for cargo operation. She will sail for San Francisco via Okinawa on Jan. 17.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per

S.S. "BENVRACKIE"
and
S.S. "BENDORAN"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke, at 10 a.m. 19th Jan. 1948.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 19th Jan. 1948 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 2nd Feb. 1948 or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

W. H. LOXLEY & CO. (CHINA) LTD.
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Hong Kong, 14th Jan. 1948.

POST OFFICE
MAIL NOTICE
Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the Ordinary Mail. If Mail close before 10.00 a.m./ Registered and Parcels will close at 5.00 p.m. on previous day.

THURSDAY, JAN. 15
Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Shanghai, (Ref.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Ref.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peiping, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Swatow, Amoy and Foochow; Airmail for Kweilin, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki, 8 a.m.
Swatow, Noon.
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki, 1 p.m.
Canton, 2 p.m.
Swatow, 2 p.m.
Shanghai, 2 p.m.
Manila P.I., 3 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta, 3 p.m.
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki, 4 p.m.
Kowloon, 4 p.m.
Canton, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 16
Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Cairo (Nairobi, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Cairo), Augusta and London, Kowloon C.P.O., (Reg.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.; G.P.O., (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Hoihow, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peiping; Airmail for Swatow; Airmail for Canton and Chungking, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki, 8 a.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada), (Par. and Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.
Japan (Ord. letters and cards only), 10 a.m.
Sandakan, 10 a.m.
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki, 1 p.m.
Canton, 2 p.m.
Swatow, 2 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada), (Par. and Reg.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.
Shanghai, 3 p.m.
Straits and Rangoon, 3 p.m.
Amoy and Saigon, 3 p.m.
Tsamkong, 3 p.m.
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki, 4 p.m.
Kongmoon, 4 p.m.

German Food Cuts Denied

Frankfurt, Jan. 13.

Major-General George P. Hays, the United States deputy commander in Germany, speaking in Stuttgart today at a meeting of the German Southern Council of States, denied rumours of a cut in the German food ration from 1,550 calories daily to 1,200.

He declared that there was enough food to distribute the present ration of 1,550 calories.

(The Soviet controlled Leipzig Radio declared today and yesterday that food rations in the western occupation zones were to be cut to 1,200 calories.)

Major-General Hays said that if food stocks were not distributed fairly by the German authorities, then it was unavoidable when sections of the population went hungry.—Reuter.

EXPULSION

Paris, Jan. 13.

Two members of the French Confederation of Labour have been expelled from the French zone of Germany, it was officially announced today.

They took advantage of their official functions to conduct anti-Nationalist propaganda among displaced persons being recruited at Karlsruhe for labour in France, according to zone authorities.—Reuter.

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No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 19th January, 1948 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 26th January, 1948 or they will not be recognised.

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DODWELL & CO., LTD.
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Hongkong, 1st January, 1948.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

Bratton (B. & S.) from Kobe (Capt. H.J. Cairns) ... K. Dk.
Hindthaian (Jardine's) ... A10.
Kresania Armila (Wallem) 6,301 tons from Vladivostock (Capt. Miselkoff) ... Y.M.T.
Lin Shan 999 tons (C.M.S.N.) from Canton (Capt. T.J. Katz) ... S.C.
Mei Shan (Socony) ... S.C.
Sangola (P. & O.) from Shanghai ... A1.
Tai Po Shan 1,856 tons (Man Shan) from Hoihow (Capt. R. Dhrup) ... Y.M.T.
Tsinan (J. & S.) from Swatow ... B2.

DEPARTURES YESTERDAY

Caledon Bank ... Shanghai
Mee Sang ... Sandakan
Osarda ... Shanghai
Lin Shan ... Swatow
Lancashire ... Singapore
Peony ... Hoihow
Roseville ... Los Angeles
Vofalia ... Singapore
Man Yang ... Shanghai
New Combia ... Singapore

ARRIVALS TODAY

Pioneer Sea (U.S.L.) ... A9
Trevothoe (P. & O.) ... S.C.
Phil. Transport (Jardine's) ... A2

DEPARTURES TODAY

Po Yahn ... Singapore
Sangola ... Cutta.

VESSELS IN PORT

Alipur (Williamson) ... K. Kln. Dk.
Alderpool (B. & S.) ... Taikoo Dk.
Alphanet (J.C.P.L.) ... Taikoo Dk.
An Hsi (B. & S.) ... B9.
Amaranthus (Wheelock) ... S.S. Po
Annlock (Wallem) ... S.S. Po
Benvrackie (Lorley) ... K. Whf.
Brattor (Chia Seng Hong) ... B12
Bushwood (P. & O.) ... Kln. Bay
Caltex 8 (Texas Co.) ... Taikoo Dk.
Canon Bar (Caroll S.S.) ... Yaumati
Caroline Moller (Moller) ... S.C.
Catherine (S.E. Asia) ... Yaumati
Chak Sang (Jardine's) ... B12.
Charles Macdonnell (Everett's) ... Cos Dk.
Chi Chung (C.M.S.N.) ... Y.M.T.
Cloverlock (Wheelock) ... S. Cutters
Donsella (B. & S.) ... S.C.
Eastern Venture (Symo S.S.) ... Yaumati
Empire Hilda (M.O.T.) ... N. Pt. Quay
Empire Maple (Jardine's) ... Yaumati
Empire Tern (Williamson) ... Yaumati
Emp. Wye (Jardine's) ... Kln. Dk.
Foo Chow (B. & S.) ... A1.
Fu Kwang (A.P.C.) ... Port Office
Haidis (Wo Fat Shing) ... S.S. Po
Hai Tan (Douglas Co.) ... Co's Whf.
Hang Sang (Jardine's) ... K. Dk.
Hindustan (Jardine's) ... A10
Hupan (B. & S.) ... B11.
Kresania Armila (Wallem) ... Y.M.T.
Lady Wolmer (Wheelock) ... Y.M.T.
Larkslock (Wallem) ... Yaumati
Lee Chun (Tai Chong) ... S.S. Po
Lin Shan (C.M.S.N.) ... S.C.
Mactan (R. Bass) ... Kln. Dk.
Marylock (Wallem) ... Yaumati
Mei Shan (Socony) ... S.C.
Nan Chang (B. & S.) ... B15
New Chwang (B. & S.) ... B14.
Panamanian (Wallem) ... S. Cutters
Perilock (Wallem) ... Yaumati
Pres. Pierce (A.P.L.) ... K. Whf.
Produce (Jebshun) ... A5.
Pronto (Everett) ... B15
San Miguel (J. Manners) ... S.S. Po
Shantung (B. & S.) ... B. Buoy
Shenghing (B. & S.) ... Cust. Whf.
Stanyne Wellington (Texas) ... L.C.K.
Swartenhondt (J.C.P.L.) ... Taikoo Dk.
Talshan Peak (P. & O.) ... S.S. Po
Tai Kin Shan (Shun Cheong) ... B11.
Tai Po Shan (Man Shan) ... Y.M.T.
Tigre (Dodwell) ... Kln. Dk.
Tatung (B. & S.) ... S.C.
Telonn (B. & S.) ... B8
Unita (K. Larsen) ... K. Dk.
Whangpu (B. & S.) ... S. Cutters
William Nott (Everett) ... B4.
Wing Sang (Jardine) ... Cust. Whf.
Wu Chang (B. & S.) ... S. Cutters

VESSELS DUE

AMERICAN PORTS
(Pacific & Atlantic Coast)

Andaman (De La Rama) from Atlantic Ports ... Jan. 17.
Gertrude Maersk (Jebsen) from New York ... Jan. 20.
Dona Aurora (De La Rama) from Atlantic Coast ... Jan. 22.
Flying Dragon (A.P.L.) from San Francisco ... Jan. 22.
Flying Independent (Pattison Co.) from U.S.A. ... Jan. 22.
General Gordon (A.P.L.) from San Francisco ... Jan. 20.
Golden West (A.P.L.) from New York ... Jan. 18.
Kraka (Wallem) from U.S. and Atlantic Ports ... Feb. 3.
Leise Maersk (Jebsen) from New York ... Feb. 22.
Marchen Maersk (Jebsen) from New York ... Jan. 28.
Pacific Bear (A.P.L.) from San Francisco and Los Angeles ... Jan. 18.
Philippine Bear (A.P.L.) from San Francisco ... Feb. 2.
Pres. Jefferson (A.P.L.) from San Francisco ... Jan. 18.
Pres. Polk (A.P.L.) from New York ... Jan. 29.
Spitfire (A.P.L.) from N.Y. ... Jan. 17.
Strait Sonda (J.C.P.L.) from S. Africa and S. America ... Jan. 13
Strait Sonda (J.C.P.L.) from S. America on ... Jan. 18.
Surprise (A.P.L.) from San Francisco and Los Angeles ... Jan. 18.
Talaigorg (J.C.P.L.) from S. America ... Feb. 6.
Trein Maersk (Jebsen) from N.Y. Feb. 8.

AUSTRALIA

Nellore (B. & S.) from Australia ... End Jan.
Yunnan (B. & S.) from Australia via Manila ... Jan. 23.

BRITISH & EUROPEAN PORTS

Asapenor (B. & S.) from U.K. Jan. 28.
Andre Lebon (M.M.) from Europe ... Mid. Feb.
Canton (P. & O.) from U.K. ... Feb. 16.
Christian Sess (M.M.) from Europe ... Early Feb.
Glenartney (Jardine's) from London, via Suez ... Feb. 2.
Dilwara (P. & O.) from U.K. ... Feb. 17.
Kaisar Hind (P. & O.) from U.K. Jan. 21.
Glenogle (Jardine's) from London, via Suez ... Feb. 23.
Manaloan (B. & S.) from U.K. via Straits ... Jan. 25.
Rhexenor (Jardine's) from U.K. ... Jan. 28.
Tantalus (B. & S.) from U.K. ... Jan. 24.
Trevothoe (P. & O.) from U.K. ... Jan. 15.
Trevorian (P. & O.) from United Kingdom ... Jan. 22.

CHINESE & JAPANESE PORTS

Hin Sang (Jardine's) from Foochow and Shanghai ... Jan. 16.
Kut Sang (Jardine's) from Calcutta ... Jan. 22.
Ormara (P. & O.) from S'hai. Jan. 21.
Osarda (P. & O.) from S'hai ... Jan. 29.
Trevorian (P. & O.) from S'hai ... Jan. 31.
Trevothoe (P. & O.) from S'hai ... Jan. 27.
Wing Sang (Jardine's) from Shanghai and Keelung ... Jan. 22.

INDIAN PORTS

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS

AUSTRALIAN PORTS

CHINESE PORTS

Tjibadak (J.C.P.L.) from Java Ports ... Jan. 16.
Van Heutz (J.C.P.L.) from Penang and Singapore ... Jan. 17.
Wo Sang (Jardine's) from Calcutta, ... Jan. 23.

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS

Ruys (J.C.P.L.) from South African ports ... Jan. 22.
Strait Sonda (J.C.P.L.) from S. Africa ... Jan. 21.
Tereberg (J.C.P.L.) from South African ports ... Feb. 4.

SAILING SCHEDULES

AMERICAN PORTS
(PACIFIC & ATLANTIC)

Jan.
16 Benvrackie (Ben Line) to U.K. and Ports.
20 Spitfire (U.S.L.) to New York & Atlantic Ports ... Jan. 20.
17 Pres. Pierce (A.P.L.) to S. Francisco.
19 Pacific Bear (A.P.L.) to San Francisco and Los Angeles.
15 Philippine Transport (Jardine's) to San Francisco.
15 Philippine Transport (Jardine's) to Los Angeles and San Francisco, via Manila.
16 Andaman (De La Rama) to Atlantic Ports.
18 Roseville (Bank Line) to San Francisco.
Late Jan. Dona Aurora (De La Rama) to U.S. and Atlantic Ports.
19 Clovis Victory (A.P.L.) to San Francisco.
20 Pres. Cleveland (A.P.L.) to San Francisco.
21 General Gordon (A.P.L.) ... San Francisco via Manila and Honolulu.
23 Flying Dragon (A.P.L.) to San Francisco and Los Angeles.
24 Flying Independent (Pattison) ... Shanghai and Yokohama.
15 Johannes Maersk (Maersk Line) ... New York and Atlantic Ports.
24 Pres. McKinley (A.P.L.) to San Francisco.
26 Don Aurora (De La Rama) to Atlantic Ports.
29 Pres. Polk (A.P.L.) to New York.
30 Philippine Bear (A.P.L.) to San Francisco and Los Angeles.
30 Pres. Jefferson (A.P.L.) to San Francisco.

Feb.
3 New Zealand Victory (Jardine's) to Los Angeles and San Francisco.
6 Mount Davis (A.P.L.) to New York.
Early Feb. Kraka (Wallem) to New York via Panama.
8 Prjam (B. & S.) to U.S. via Manila and Shanghai.
8 Gertrude Maersk (Jebsen) to New York and San Francisco.
14 Lingfield Victory (Jardine's) to San Francisco.
14 Terreberg (J.C.P.L.) to S. America via Manila, Singapore, etc.
14 Gen. Meigs (A.P.L.) to San Francisco.
24 Marchen Maersk (Maersk Line) ... New York and Atlantic Ports.
24 Pres. Mckinley (A.P.L.) to San Francisco.
27 Marine Snapper (A.P.L.) ... New York and Havana via Singapore, Colombo, Cochin, Bombay, Suez and Mediterranian Ports.
28 China Transport (Jardine's) to Los Angeles and San Francisco.
29 Pres. Polk (A.P.L.) to New York.

Mar.
10 Ruys (J.C.P.L.) to S. America.
15 Pacific Transport (Jardine's) to Los Angeles and San Francisco.
25 Philippine Transport (Jardine's) to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS

Feb.
14 Terreberg (J.C.P.L.) to South African ports.

Mar.
10 Ruys (J.C.P.L.) to S. African ports.

CANADIAN PORTS

Jan.
18 Lake Lillooet (Jardine's) to Vancouver.

Feb.
20 Lake Pennask (Jardine's) to Vancouver.

AUSTRALIAN & SOUTHERN PORTS
(PHILIPPINES & NEW GUINEA)

Jan.
20 Gertrude Maersk (Jebsen) to Manila.
15 Philippine Transport (Jardine's) to Manila.
16 Hindustan (Jardine's) to Labuan, Sandakan, Madang (New Guinea) and Australia.
23 Hin Sang (Jardine's) to Sandakan.
21 Yunnan (B. & S.) to Sydney and Melbourne.
31 Kafiristan (Jardine's) to Australia Ports.

Feb.
5 Trein Maersk (Jebsen) to Manila.
12 Leise Maersk (Jebsen) to Manila.

BRITISH & EUROPEAN PORTS

Jan.
18 Benvrackie (Ben Line) to Europe.
23 Denbighshire (Jardine's) to London.
20 Malaya (East Asiatic) to Europe.
23 Adrastus (B. & S.) to Liverpool.
31 Marsalaia (B. & S.) to Genoa via Port Said.

Feb.
23 Canton (P. & O.) to United Kingdom.
23 Trevothoe (P. & O.) to U.K.
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Feb.
20 Trevilone (P. & O.) to Shanghai.
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23 Empire Ranger (P. & O.) to S'hai.
26 Wo Sang (Jardine's) to Shanghai and Tsingtao.
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Mar.
3 Travaylor (P. & O.) to Shanghai.
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Jan.
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19 Pacific Bear to Yokohama.
21 Fukuju (B. & S.) to Yokohama and Kobe.
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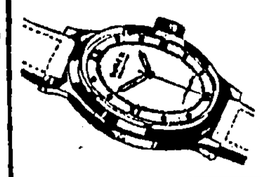

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S'HAI MAKING STRONG BID TO GAIN INTERPORTS

Shanghai, Jan. 14.

Shanghai is making a strong bid this year in its efforts to retain the interport trophy it won from Hong Kong last year, and, although the crucial match with the Colony is still almost a month away, the Shanghai Athletic Federation has already started trial games in order to choose the best side possible for the series, which are to be played in Hong Kong over the Lunar New Year holidays.

The first match was held at Shanghai's Canidrome on Sunday, Jan. 11, when some 24 players were tried out, with the team headed by veteran K. S. Suen defeating the side captained by R. Honniball by 4-1 before a crowd estimated to be in the vicinity of 7,000.

It seems at present, on the basis of the first trial that Shanghai once again will have to depend on old-timers to carry their colours, as it was mainly these old-timers who shone in a match which, like most of the representative games, failed to produce a very high standard of play.

This year, however, Shanghai has a better roster of players to choose from than on any other occasion since the end of the war. The reason for this may be the fact that the teams this season are on the whole stronger than last year.

But, despite this, most of the players who will go are expected to be the same as those who played against Hong Kong on two occasions last year.

Possible Players

While the final selection will only be made after the second trial game, which is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 18, it is already possible even now to say with quite a bit of certainty who have the best chances of going South.

The Hong Kong newspapers last year were full of praise for the fine work between the goal-posts done by P. L. Chang, but Shanghai's selectors and fans this year are even more enthusiastic over Liao Yung, of the new Railways team, whose performance in a recent match drew the applause of the large crowd and the praise of the officials.

A steady man, displaying wonderful anticipation and darting, Liao is already mentioned in Shanghai as a possible custodian for the Chinese XI which will go to England this summer for the Olympics.

For backs, Shanghai has a large array of talent, but the two probable choices are G. Z. Woo and S. S. Nyi, both well known in South China and in Hong Kong.

They have played together in the same team for several seasons now and Shanghai knows of no stronger combination in the defence.

Strong Defender

Shanghai also possesses a strong defender in Tan Kai Ban, formerly with the Malayan Lien Hwa team which recently visited Shanghai, Hong Kong and the Philippines, but it is doubtful if he will be able to play for the team as he has not resided the required three months in Shanghai to enable him to qualify for a position on the eleven.

Where Shanghai is extremely rich in talent is in the half-line and, again judging by recent games, there is little doubt about the choice of R. Honniball and N. L. Meng.

Both gave a sterling display in the trial game. Others to be noted are Eugene "Jinx" Tivoniuk, P. T. Kao, Karli Maerishel, S. S. Tam and W. Jui. Of these, Tivoniuk, a Russian player formerly with the Shanghai Public and Thomas Hanbury School team, looks like a logical choice. He is playing a consistently good game and is already being chosen for every representative game played in Shanghai.

In the forward line it looks like Hong Kong will see all the players whom they have come to know and respect, as it is expected that the final choice will fall on K. S. Suen to lead the team, with Lee Yoh, L. H. Han, "Blondie" Roboostoff and F. H. Fei to help him in the forward line.

Diminutive Kao

There is another player who bears watching this year: diminutive S. C. Kao of Tsing Peh. He played a good game in the trial, but the opinion is that he still lacks experience for such an important encounter. However, should any of the above-mentioned players be unable to go to Hong Kong for one reason or other, there is a good chance that he may be given a berth in the forward line.

As may be seen from the names given above, Shanghai has an impressive array of talent lined up for the interport encounter. Just who will go is to be decided after next Sunday's second trial, but the chances are that most of these players will be chosen.

Shanghai intends to send something like 17 players to the Colony and there are still such players like N. Z. Lee, Mike Kerclitch, Mickey Griffiths, L. K. Chang and S. F. Loo to call upon.

That Shanghai is taking the interport series most seriously may be seen from the manner in which the trials are being staged and whatever may be the result, Hong Kong may well be assured of a hard fight for the honours.—Reuter.

Newswoman Pays Debt Of Honour

Washington, Jan. 14.

Miss Messie Hackett, reporter for the Washington Post, last night won $690 on a radio quiz programme and said she would spend most of it on gifts for friends in the Philippines, who aided her while she was interned at Santo Tomas during the Japanese occupation.

Miss Hackett will return to her prewar post as reporter for the Manila Bulletin next month. She is scheduled to sail from Los Angeles on February 26.

Asked by the programme master of ceremonies why she wanted to win in the quiz Miss Hackett said, "To pay a debt."

She said as an internee she and others were able to survive because Chinese and Filipino friends "risked their lives to smuggle food, clothing, medicine and little luxuries which made life bearable."—United Press.

Hong Kong Trains For Interports

Arrangements are now well in hand for the first post-war Rugger Interport and the Hong Kong Football Club are putting in some hard training at Happy Valley in the evenings.

Invitations have been sent out to fifteen players and so far eleven have accepted, it is hoped that the others will signify their acceptance in the next day or two and the Rugger enthusiasts will then know what sort of a side will go to Shanghai to represent Hongkong at Chinese New Year.

This fixture, unlike other Interports, is a purely domestic affair between the Hongkong Football Club and the Shanghai Rugby Football Club and as the games now stand Hong Kong have won seven times to Shanghai's six, the results being as follows:

	P.	W.	L.	P. F.	P. A.
Hongkong	13	7	6	117	93
Shanghai	13	6	7	93	117

The chief obstacle up against the Shanghai Club is the lack of opposition to be found in the Northern port.

They have to rely entirely on visits from British Naval units for their matches and have recently played a series of matches against H.M.S. Sussex, winning twice and losing the third by a narrow margin, so this visit of the Hongkong Club should give a decided push to the game up there.

According to present plans the Hongkong team will fly up to Shanghai on Saturday February 7th and return to the Colony on February 11th, the Interport being played on Tuesday February 10th.

Some anxiety has been felt by the organisers over the expense involved by this method of travel and a fund has had to be opened to help defray expenses the result of which has been most encouraging to date though the target aimed for has not yet been reached.

Charlton Saves

Sam Bartram, Charlton Athletic's goalkeeper, (left), throws both arms in the air, as he saves from an attack by Manchester United, during the match at Charlton, London, on January 3.—AP Photo.

Medal 1939-45 To Be Struck

London, Jan. 14.

The striking of the War Medal 1939-1945 will be begun at the Royal Mint shortly, says an announcement from No. 10, Downing Street.

The production of the King's Medal for service in the cause of freedom, instituted for civilians of foreign nationality in recognition of services with the British Commonwealth, is also to be undertaken by the Mint as soon as possible.

The War Medal will be in cupro-nickel and the Freedom Medal in silver.

The King has approved the designs of both medals, which carry on the obverse the King's head, crowned.

Reverse

The reverse of the War Medal, designed and modelled by C. Carter Preston, shows a lion standing triumphant on the body of a double-headed dragon.

Two heads — eagle's and dragon's — signify respectively the principal occidental and oriental enemies. The reverse of the Freedom Medal was designed and modelled by T. H. Paget.

It shows a knight in armour fresh from the heat of combat with his lance broken, receiving refreshment from an allegorical female figure. Both medals are 1.42 inches in diameter.

An announcement will be made as soon as they are ready for issue.

Mr. Carter Preston designed the memorial plaque presented to the next of kin of those who fell in the 1941 war. Mr. Paget was the designer of the head of King George Sixth coinage issued in 1937 and the "H. P." which appears in almost microscolpe characters just below the neck are his initials.—Reuter.

TABLE TENNIS

London, Jan. 13.

Representatives of many countries attended the draw today for the world table tennis championships which take place at Wembley Empire Pool from February 4 to 11.

The first draw was for the team championships, the Swaythling Cup (women) held by England. This resulted:

Swaythling Cup— Group 1:— France, Argentina, Trinidad and Tobago, Denmark, Portugal and Ireland.

Group 2: — The United States, Hungary, Sweden, Jersey, England, India.

Group 3: — Czechoslovakia, Greece, Egypt, Scotland, Norway, Wales.

Group 4: — Austria, Yugoslavia, Luxembourg, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, Palestine.

France, the United States, Czechoslovakia and Austria were seeded into the respective groups.

The semi-finals will be the winners of Group 2 versus the winners of Group 3 and the winners of Group 1 versus the winners of Group 4.

Teams for the Corbillon Cup were given in two groups,—the winners to meet in the final.

Group 1: — England, the United States, Jersey, Wales, Austria, Scotland and Rumania.

Group 2:— Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Luxembourg, Ireland Egypt and the Netherlands.—Reuter.

"RATS TOO HAVE FEELINGS"

"We all hate rats-human or otherwise. But despite the fact that they're vermin, rats have feeling," Mr. F.X. d'Almada told Au Kamhuen, charged with setting fire to a rat in a cage with kerosene. He was fined $50.

Inspector Moran, said defendant, of No. 62 D'Aguilar Street, poured kerosene over the rat which was caught overnight, and burned it.

"You should have sent it to the Sanitary Department to be destroyed" the Magistrate said.

Jap. Trade Pessimism

Shanghai, Jan. 14.

On the eve of departure for Japan with the first group of four private Chinese trade representatives, Mr. Mao Yun-an, representing Chungking business circles, expressed doubt of the possibility of two-way trade at present with the Japanese.

He was pessimistic, firstly, that high-priced Chinese exports would be competitive enough to gain a foothold in the Japanese market, and, secondly, that China would be able to supply in quantity the commodities that Japan desired to buy.

Mr. Mao's main concern in Japan will be to find a market for Szechwan native products.

The delegation will leave tomorrow on board the China Merchants steamer, Hai Che.—Reuter.

New Governmental Set-Up In Java

Batavia, Jan. 13.

Seven non-Republican Indonesians have been sworn in by the Dutch as members of the Interim Government Council of the Netherlands East Indies.

The Council is designed to be the forerunner of a United States of Indonesia. An eighth non-Republican is to be sworn in.

The Republican Government of Premier Amir Sjarifoeddin is not represented. However, a Dutch source said the tentative plan is to give the Republic minority representation if a political agreement is reached between the Republic and the Dutch.

At the Hague, Premier L. J. M. Beel of the Netherlands who recently returned from the Indies, told Parliament that he made a last appeal to the Republic to cooperate in establishing a Netherlands Indonesian union.

"It is now up to the Indonesian Republic . . . .

If the Republic fails to collaborate representatives of the Netherlands and the remainder of the Indies will discuss the future status of the Islands.

Installing the Council were, Acting Governor General Hubertus J. Van Mook who said: "For too long movements toward the independence of Indonesia exclusively have tried to reach that goal along the road of brute force, mutual envy, and political and economic adventures which endanger the country itself. . . . . By joining hands, we can still take measures to check the dangers which assail us externally and internally. By honest cooperation and mutual confidence we can still guarantee lawful liberty for the Indonesian constitutional state."

An authoritative source said the Dutch withdrew their demand for [illegible] reply to note on [illegible] Republic's latest proposals to [illegible] Council's Mem[illegible] declared Prime [illegible]

Sport Here And There

INDIES TEST

Barbados, Jan. 14.

The West Indies have chosen what one selector called, "a team strong in all departments" to play England in the first cricket Test beginning here on Jan. 21.

The team is: George Headley, (Jamaica) captain, Robert Christiani (British Guiana), Wilfred Ferguson (Trinidad); Berkeley Gaskin (British Guiana), John Goddard (Barbados), Gerry Gomez (Trinidad), Trevor (Trinidad), Jeffey B. Stollmajor (Trinidad), Clyde Wallott (Barbados), Everton Weekes (Barbados), Frenk Worrell (Jamaica), Twelfth man: A. M. Taylor (Barbados).—Reuter.

HOME FOOTBALL

London, Jan. 14.

It has been decided that Manchester United and Liverpool will play their fourth round of the Football Association Cup-Tie on Jan. 24 on the Everton ground.—Reuter.

"LA SCOTT"

Prague, Jan. 14.

The world champion, Barbara Ann Scott of Canada, held a safe lead in the European figure skating championships here today after the first three compulsory figures with British champion Jeanitte Altwegg second and Jirina Nekolova of Czechoslovakia a close third.

Unofficial ratings on the change bracket and rocket figures gave Barbara Ann 328.5 points and a placing score of 9. Miss Altwegg had 316.0 and 15, Nekolova 314 and 15 and Czechoslovak champion Alena Vrzanova 309 and 19.—United Press.

QUARTER-MILER

New York, Jan. 14.

Herb McKenley, Jamaican quarter-miler, who is fancied to win the Olympic Games 200 metres event, leaves by air tomorrow for Australia.

McKenley, who is studying for a physical education degree at the Illinois University, will compete in the Australian championships and return to New York in Feb.—Reuter.

TEAMS

The following will represent the H.K.F.C. against Eastern on Saturday at the Club Ground, kick off 4 p.m.:—Leck; E. Strange, Fjelstead; Mullen, Forrow; Beck; Redman, Weller, F. Fowler, Saxby, Bickford.

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI against South China 'A' on the same day at Caroline Hill, kick off 4 p.m.:—McKenzie; McCaig, Sloan; L. Strange; Ritchie, E. Fowler; Wyper, Hamley, Gardner, Gaffney, Barker.

Following are the Craigengower Cricket Club teams for Saturday, Jan. 17:—v. University:—6.—Ramchand (Captain), E. A. Lee, A. H. Ismail, D. Leonard, A. Kuruneru, R. R. Irance, I. M. Omar, Lloyd Wong, R. O. Baker, C. S. Carr, B. S. Chowla.

On Sunday v. R.A.F.:—W. Hong Sling (Captain), G. Hong Choy, H. P. Lin, A. M. Omar, K. T. Tam, S. Ramchand, A. M. Irance, N. Leonard, Lloyd Wong, U. M. Omar, A. H. Ismail, R. O. Baker, C. S. Carr.

RED THREAT IN BERLIN CONSIDERED "JUST A BLUFF"

Berlin, Jan. 14.

British political officers tonight interpreted Communist press suggestions that the Western Allies might be forced to leave Berlin as "just a bluff."

British circles, it was stated, felt that Moscow would sanction no step at the moment that would force the Western Allies to leave, but was concentrating rather on winning allies among the Germans and "eliminating" those who show no sign of cooperation.

Moscow, it was felt, would virtually be forced for prestige purpose to provide some kind of answer to the Frankfurt economic decisions but would not, as some circles expected, take steps to make life so difficult in Berlin for the Western Allies that they would either have to leave or starve.

Although Russia controls all supply lines between Berlin and the West and controls the city's public utilities, any such steps as the cutting off of power and water in the Western sectors would immediately be followed by a diplomatic "showdown" that would bring an end to all pretence of four-power cooperation.

The end of cooperation, it was pointed out, would mean the end of inter-zonal trade and subsequent starvation of the Russians of machinery, steel and other materials that they have been getting from the West.

Molotov Rumours

Officials here would offer no direct comment on the reports that Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky, the Red Army Commander in Germany, flew to Moscow for conferences after the Frankfurt decisions were announced.

The officials pointed, however, to the persistent reports that M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, had himself been censored for allowing the sudden end of the London Conference and suggested that the Kremlin might be ensuring that no such direct break took place in Berlin by summoning Marshal Sokolovsky for a personal briefing.

Last night's split between Berlin and the Soviet Zone factions of the Christian Democratic Union was regarded by British observers as nothing more than a logical conclusion to what had been happening in the party since Dr. Kaiser was dismissed from his position as party leader last month.

Softening Attitude

From now, on, it was felt, the Berlin section of the Christian Democratic Union would be ignored while the Soviet Administration would lavish praise on the tightly-controlled zonal administration and try to win over waverers by anti-Kaiser articles in the Soviet-licensed party organ, Neue Zeit.

British circles have also detected in the past few weeks a softening of the Russian attitude toward the Berlin faction of Dr. Kurt Schumacher's Social Democratic Party, which was declared illegal two years ago in the Russian Zone, but which secured an overall majority soon afterwards on Berlin's City Assembly.

The new Soviet Union officers appointed to the Social Democrats a few weeks ago had adopted a noticeable "diligent" attitude, it was stated.—Reuter.

The Score Claimed Was 44

TACOMA, WASHINGTON, JAN. 18.

A 46-YEAR OLD NEGRO KNOWN AS JAKE BIRD, WHO IS DUE TO BE HANGED ON FRIDAY, WAS SAID BY PEIRNE COUNTY AUTHORITIES TO HAVE CLAIMED THAT HE HAD COMMITTED OR COULD "CLEAR UP" A TOTAL OF 44 MURDERS, 11 OF WHICH HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED.

The prosecuting attorney, Mr. Patrick Steele, in an official statement to Governor Walgren of Washington State, disclosed the Negro's tale of a trail of blood reaching from New York to Los Angeles and extending back to 1923.

The statement showed that 11 of the 12 murders confessed to by Bird had been confirmed. He claimed a direct part in or the responsibility for 18 other slayings and said there were 14 more murders he could solve, but in which he did not take part.

In the twelfth case—that of the murder of an eight-year-old child in Nebraska, in June 1928—Bird's claim is not believed. Another man has already served 19 years of a life sentence for this crime.

Mr. Steele has recommended to the Governor that Bird's execution be carried out on Friday as decided for the murder last June of Mrs. Bertha Kludt for which he was convicted.

Bird had expressed the hope that his confessions would lead to clemency.

Yesterday a petition was placed before the States' Supreme Court for a stay of the execution.—Reuter.

LINE-UP

Paris, Jan. 13.

The French lineup versus Scotland in the Rugby Union International at Murray Field, Edinburgh on January 24 was announced by the French federation today as follows: Andre Alvarez (fullback); Roger Lacaussade, Louis Junquas (or Maurio Terreau), Pierre Dizabo and Michel Pomaghios (threequarters); Leon Bergenaye (flyhalf); Gerard Duffau (scrumhalf); Jean Matheu, Guy Basquet, Joan Prat, Robert Sero, Alban Moga, Lucien Caron, Lucien Martin, and Eugene Buzy (forwards).

With the exception of Junquas this is the same team as that which beat Australia last Sunday.—Reuter.

London, Jan. 13.

The British Admiralty announced tonight that the Indian naval officers and ratings who are to take over the 7,030 tons cruiser Achilles for the Royal Indian Navy, will arrive in the United Kingdom this week. The company will undergo courses at the Royal Naval establishments in the United Kingdom before commissioning the Achilles.—Reuter.

More Than 1,000 mph On Ground

Muroc Air Base (California), Jan. 14.

The United States Air Force disclosed today that a rocket-powered ground vehicle, travelling on a railroad track, cracked the speed of sound barrier with a speed in excess of 1,000 m.p.h.

Modified jet-bomb launching sleds, about 15 feet long, were used in the experiment, with "slippers" holding the sleds to the rails.

Officials said the purpose was to determine if an outdoor wind tunnel, in which the object instead of the wind is moved, would be practical.

They said the first test was made on September 20, 1946, and the second on March 7, 1947.—United Press.

LAWSUIT

London, Jan. 13.

Jackie Paterson's lawsuit against the British Boxing Board of Control over his world and British Empire flyweight boxing titles ended today by the consent of both parties.

Paterson brought the action against the Board last October to restrain them from recognising anyone but himself as the world and British Empire champion and obtained an interlocutory injunction against them.

Today, Mr. Justice Jenkins made an order staying all further proceedings in the action when he learned that the Board had reinstated Paterson in his titles.—Reuter.

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